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Pope Benedict XVI sets goals, follows footsteps

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VATICAN CITY - Pope Benedict XVI began Wednesday work to unify all Christians and reach out to other religions as he outlined his goals and made clear he would follow the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

Benedict, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, listed top priorities of his papacy in a message read in Latin to cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel for the first Mass celebrated by the 265th leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

He said his "primary task" would be to work to reunify all Christians and that sentiment alone was not enough. "Concrete acts that enter souls and move consciences are needed," he said.

The new pope said he wanted to continue "an open and sincere dialogue" with other religions and would do everything in his power to improve the ecumenical cause.

The message was clearly designed to show that Benedict was intent on following many of the groundbreaking paths charted by John Paul, who made reaching out to other religions and working to heal the 1,000-year-old schism in Christianity a hallmark of his pontificate.

Joy over the selection of a new pope was mixed with worries that Benedict could polarize a global church, whose challenges include growing secularism in rich countries and inroads by evangelical groups in regions such as Latin America.

Benedict referred to his predecessor several times in his message, including John Paul's wishes that he hoped new generations would carry on the work of the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meeting that modernized the church.

"I too ... want to affirm with decisive willingness to follow in the commitment of carrying out the Second Vatican Council, in the wake of my predecessors and in faithful continuity with the 2,000-year-old tradition of the church," Benedict said.

John Paul supported council reforms but backed down on what both men considered issues spawned by the changes, including calls for priests to be allowed to marry and admission of women into the priesthood.

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Accident claims one life, leaves another injured

DOMINICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A collision on North I-71 involving a 1994 Ford Escort and Peterbilt semi-trailer claimed the life of an 18-year-old man and left another man injured. The accident occurred Tuesday near Milcox, Mo., when the Escort crossed the centerline of the highway and collided with the tractor-trailer, according to Missouri Department of Highway Patrol reports.

Adam Sabin, the driver of the Escort, was pronounced dead on the scene. Jason Haley, driver of the semi-trailer, reported minor injuries and will seek his own medical treatment.

Impact from the collision caused the trailer to veer off onto the right shoulder of the highway, while the Escort spun into a roadside ditch—resting on its wheels.

Sabin's vehicle was totaled but neither vehicle ignited, according to Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey.

"There was no fire," Espey said. "With the impact and the airbags going off and the steam from the motor it appeared there was a fire, but there wasn't."

The trailer was carrying fertilizer, and crews shut down the stretch of highway to prevent possible explosions.

No citations were issued in the accident.



A group of Northwest students marched across campus and to Maryville Public Safety to protest officers they felt were harassing them.

Rallying for rights

BY BEN KOEHN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The usually quiet neighborhoods along 4th Street were disrupted briefly Tuesday afternoon by chants of, "What do we want? Respect. When do we want it? Now."

Those chants came from a group of about a hundred Northwest students who all shared the single goal: Marching to Maryville Public Safety headquarters to demand an answer to why some officers, in the student's minds, have violated their rights.

Students led by the Society for Political Awareness first gathered at the Belltower at 1 p.m. to share stories regarding police incidents they believe were unfair.

Organizers asked those attending the protest to "Keep it simple. Keep it safe."

Organizers armed with bullhorns attempted to recruit passing students, asking them to skip class and lunch to fight for students' rights. "You think that backpack is heavy? What about the weight of oppression?" said protestor Kayla Fuller to a passing student.

"There is a lack of consistency and professionalism amongst our police forces," Keith Loeshner, Executive Board member of the Student Senate, said during the forum.

Loeshner helped co-organize the event with Leon Harden. Harden became irritated with how Public Safety officers conducted themselves while disbanding parties. Students claim some public safety officers often use foul language when dealing with students and arrest some students, who have broken no laws.

Harden was involved in an incident in late October 2004 in which he believes police wrongfully arrested and mistreated him after being accused of marijuana possession. Charges were later dropped, in lieu of a ticket for failure to comply.

"A cop can arrest you for not obeying his orders," Harden said to the students. "Is that right?"

City Manager Matt Chesnut said the failure to comply ordinance is in place to protect both civilians and police. Failure to comply, accord-



Students including Kayla Fuller (center, with bullhorn) shared their displeasure with Maryville Public Safety by marching to their offices.

ing to Chesnut, simply means police have repeatedly asked a person to leave the scene of a crime or to obey a request and the person has failed to do so.

"There have been situations with police officers where they go to a house party and there might be (around 30 to 50) people there and three cops," Chesnut said. "And most of those (30 to 50) people (are) not happy to see those cops there."

Students at the Belltower also complained about what they believe to be an unfair distribution of penalties. Some students accused Public Safety and some groups of people get more leniency than others.

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Election results in; new Student Senate officers

BY ASHLEY BALLY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Students gear up for next year's politics with the announcement of the Student Senate election results.

All positions were announced Tuesday evening at the final Student Senate meeting.

Outgoing Student Senate President Chase Cornett announced the final election results as the meeting concluded. Abby Stephens was named the new Student Senate President.

"I'm really excited. I've been nervous since all of the campaigning started," Stephens said. "I'm excited that it is finally over and that we can move forward with our executive board, set our goals and get things in line for next year."

Stephens will begin her first official duties starting Friday. Student Senate is scheduled to begin appointing other executive officers into their chair positions.

Student Senate will also put forth efforts to prepare for their first event next fall, the Back to School Bash. According to Stephens, one of the main goals for extending progress in Student Senate is to increase student participation.

Stephens feels very confident about her qualifications and where her role will take her.

"I have served on Student Senate for two years and I have held other leadership positions on campus," Stephens said. "I have a lot of people who believe in me and I believe in myself."

Other members elected to Student Senate include Erica Heermann, treasurer; Falohn Webb, secretary and Kamille Burrell, vice-president.

In the past year, Student Senate added a new committee to work on civic service and achieved an increase for their budget. According to Cornett, their largest accomplishment has been passing the student activities fee. The fee will be used to increase on-campus

entertainment and will be implemented next fall.

"It has been an amazing year and I owe all of it to other student organizations, administrators and to members that come in all day, every day," Cornett said.

Cornett leaves the presidency and three years of Senate dedication behind with advice to future leaders.

"At Northwest it has been something I have put my focus, my heart, my soul and all of my effort into. So I just want the elected officers to have the same drive and that same ambition to put students first," Cornett said. "They just need to work hard and make Student Senate well-known and encourage student involvement. Most of all, they need to make progress and carry it to the students."



PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
New Student Senate President Abby Stephens (center) is congratulated by outgoing president Chase Cornett and Kamille Burrell after the results were announced Tuesday.

Greek Week takes sudden stop in activities

AARON BAILEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The future of Greek Week came under fire last Thursday when Greek Sing was stopped early and the weekend's activities, except for the Greek Awards, were cancelled.

But while changes are on the horizon, Vice President of Student Affairs Kent Porterfield said it was "very unlikely" the week's activities would be discontinued next year.

University officials will meet with representatives from the Greek community over the summer and into next fall, about what changes need to be made for next year's activities.

Director of Campus Activities Bryan VanOsdale, Greek Week leaders and several other committee members cut the week short after a group called Theta began a "sound-off" viewed as distasteful by organizers during Greek Sing. Theta is comprised of members from each of the fraternities and sororities on campus, and was initially started as a way to unify the Greek community. Greek Sing was a culmination of events viewed as containing unseemly actions, from some members of the group, by University officials.

"We felt that due to the actions of a few, that it was the best thing," VanOsdale said. "(Theta's actions during the week) is not congruent with the values of the Greek organizations. There needed to be some type of retribution for what happened."

Theta member Jeff Harp believed officials were misguided in their attempt to solve the problem.

"It was a huge overreaction," Harp said. "We were basically told not to mess up and to watch ourselves. There were no swear words or profanity (in the Theta song during Greek Sing)."

While no profanity was used during Theta's song, a copy of the lyrics showed references to drug use, alcohol abuse and sexual influences. The Greek Week committee suggested cleaning the song up, advice which was ignored.

Along with canceling the remainder of last week's activities, Theta has been cancelled indefinitely.

"There will not be a future for Theta—it has served its purpose," VanOsdale said.

A Theta member, who requested anonymity, said about 8-10 of the 27 members refused to "cleanup their act," and also, some of the members consumed alcohol throughout each day last week to the point of "passing out," an unwritten "right" for Theta members.

Theta was reintroduced this year after a two-year absence from campus. Porterfield believes some of the continuing themes are troubling.

"I think some of the reasons it did end was because of the focus on alcohol," he said. "Candidly, from what I know about this year and from what I heard from the other students, I think drinking was too great an emphasis in that group this year."

Harp disagreed.

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FRIDAY

Showers

High: 59

Low: 33

SATURDAY

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High: 57

Low: 32

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy

High: 63

Low: 37

Students grapple with technology updates

BY MARISSA EBELING
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

As the school year closes, packing and finals aren't the only things for students to do before they leave for the summer.

With the benefit of having an electronic campus comes the students' responsibility of taking care of some things before beginning summer activities.

First of all, students need to change their password so it won't expire over the summer, according to Vice President for Information Systems Jon Rickman.

If a student fails to change their password before it expires over the summer, they will be forced to use the terminal server to change their password. This means students will need to access the school's network from their home computer.

This process might take a long time if it is the first time the computer has been used to connect to the terminal server. However, students can change their passwords on campus with little trouble.

Students can change their password on campus by using the control-alt-delete feature on their computer, and clicking the link to change their password.

When changing their password, students should be aware of the new complexity standard, which means they need to include at least one alphabetic character, one number and one special character in their password selection.

"It's not as easy to break with an automatic hacking program," Rickman said. Although the new complexity standard can keep automatic hacking programs from breaking in to student accounts, some students don't like the change.

"It's not necessary," Brian Welch, Northwest freshman, said. "I understand it is for security reasons, but I don't think we have that much of a problem."

Secondly, students should also clean out their e-mail inboxes before they venture home and print out or save any e-mails they don't want deleted. Any e-mails older than 120 days will be deleted in August to open up space in the e-mail server.



Shannon Combs, left, was one of several students to volunteer at Parkdale Manor Care Center, Monday. Students participated in National Volunteer Week with several activities starting Monday and ending Saturday.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY ALBUS/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Volunteers give back in week of service

BY SARAH TAYLOR
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National Volunteer Week is under way, giving students a chance to enjoy recreational activities with other members of the community.

The week is organized by the Northwest Office of Volunteer Services.

Students took part at Parkdale Manor where they sat with residents and listened to a guest singer. Students were able to mingle with residents. The activity lasted for about an hour, with 20 residents present and a dozen volunteers.

Coordinator of Volunteerism Joe Gaa made the activities possible by setting up a volunteer program. Volunteers at Northwest are not hard to find at Parkdale Manor.

"As an Activities Director I depend on my volunteers from Northwest; I couldn't do my job without them," Activities Director of Parkdale Manor Georgi Lane said.

Not only do the workers look

forward to visitors, but so do the residents.

"When the residents go to meals they check the calendars to make sure no changes have been made," Lane said. "They also post a calendar in their room to keep track of visitors and activities."

Volunteers are appreciated and encouraged whether bowling with residents, painting fingernail or playing games.

"I made a new friend, Helga," Sigma Sigma Sigma Shannon Combs said. "She was really friendly and she liked my nail polish."

Not only do the residents appreciate the company but the volunteers also leave with a smile.

"I have really enjoyed the experience I have had," Sigma Sigma Sigma Brittany Garcia said. "All the residents are really fun to talk to; they appreciate having someone to talk to as well."

Volunteer week has also had Adopt a Park Day and a Cookie Baking Night. During the Cookie Baking Night, participants baked

and delivered cookies to local groups.

"I enjoy doing volunteer work because I enjoy helping others and helping those in the community," Sigma Sigma Sigma Sarah Smith said.

Students participating in Northwest Volunteer Week also visited group homes and talked with residents throughout Maryville.

"The residents you see are so happy to see young people; it's really rewarding," Sigma Sigma Sigma Sarah York said.

A recreational activity also took place at Brown Hall on Wednesday.

Northwest Volunteer Week continues with activities tonight. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in walking, petting and brushing animals at the Maryville Humane Society.

Other Volunteer Week Activities include: Friday's Horace Mann Project and Highway Cleanup. To end Volunteer Week Saturday volunteers are encouraged to help with Spring Clean up Day.

For more information regarding Northwest Volunteer Week contact the Coordinator of Volunteerism, Joe Gaa at 562-1954.

Kevin Sharp scheduled to perform at cancer benefit

BY MEGAN CRAWFORD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Award-winning vocalist, entertainer and cancer survivor Kevin Sharp will perform at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center in a benefit concert Saturday.

"We're really excited and blessed to even be considered as a part of his schedule," Director of Student Employment Paula McClain said. "It's nice to offer something like this back to the community after all of the donations we've received. It's a great family show for people of all ages."

Academy of Country Music Top Vocal Duo Nominee of 2003, Hometown News will open for Sharp at 7 p.m.

After Hometown News performs, a silent auction will serve as an intermission for the show. Sharp will then perform.

Camp Quality is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides a week-long camping experience and a year-round support program for children with cancer and their families. While at Camp Quality at Northwest in 2003, Sharp expressed an interest in coming back to Northwest to perform a benefit concert.

"I feel honored and blessed," McClain said. "You can't turn down something like this. He is such a giving person. He is a

true angel to these kids. He is sincere and passionate about helping them."

According to his website, as a senior in high school Sharp began experiencing fatigue and unexplained pain. He was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, Ewing's Sarcoma, that spread to his lungs. Sharp was introduced to the "Make A Wish Foundation," which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Sharp's wish of meeting producer/performer David Foster was granted and the friendship later helped in his pursuit of becoming a country artist.

Sharp now serves as national spokesperson for the "Make A Wish Foundation." Sharp is the only wish child to have become a wish request of cancer patients.

Delta Zeta philanthropy chair Valerie Munsterman is in charge of the volunteer work. Delta Zeta volunteered, organized and is selling merchandise.

Tickets are \$5 and are being sold at the Maryville and St. Joseph Hy-Vee and also at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building.

"I'm excited for it," Munsterman said. "The money is going to a good cause. I'm glad there is a camp for these kids and that Delta Zeta gets to be a part of it."

Online trading post open to public

BY SAM MUCHIRI
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

After two years in the making, two Northwest seniors launched a new level of e-commerce to serve students and Maryville residents.

Students Kyle Geiger and Cory Collins combined talents and abilities to create a website to post items for sale free-of-charge at www.northwest-tradingpost.com.

Inspired by University of Missouri-Kansas City website, umkcay.com, e-bay and Amazon.com, Geiger, a business management major said he initiated the service because he was having a hard time selling items himself.

Interactive features of the site include various links where customers can view and post photos of items for sale.

Financial transactions are strictly between the buyer and the seller, Geiger said.

A 90-day expiration date is set on photos. After this time, the seller has to upload them again.

Addressing security concerns, Geiger said the site does not post names, but noted buyers should shop smartly.

Geiger hopes to expand the business to other universities in Kirksville, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Warrensburg with customized listings for each university.

Collins completed most of the web work because he is a computer management information system major. He said the site was beneficial to students and the community because they could buy items at a cheaper price.

"It's good thing for the community in a sense that you have things you need to get rid of and students can get what they need pretty easily instead of looking at billboards with outrageous prices," Collins said.

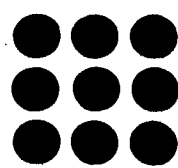


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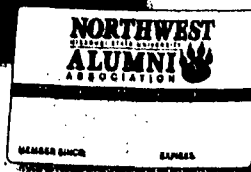
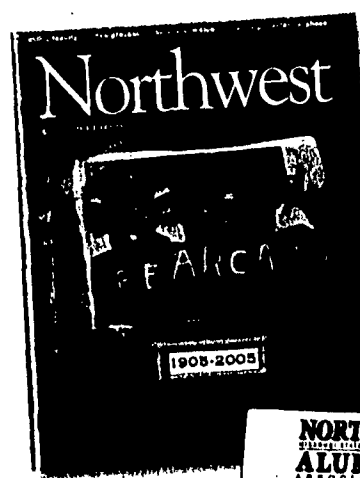
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Docudrama educates county students

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Nearly one-third of all Missouri car accidents are alcohol-related, according to the Missouri State Highway patrol. This statistic inspired more than a dozen public safety officials, citizens and Nodaway County high school students to participate in Docudrama at the Hangar Tuesday.

The play recreated a crash scene in which alcohol use is to blame, for high school freshmen from Nodaway County high schools. The play depicts what happens at a crash scene from the man extricating an injured person from the car to from putting a body in a body bag.

The drama also shows a mother and father arriving at the scene to show the emotional horror a family may experience.

St. Francis Emergency Room Nurse Mary Simmons spoke to the students afterward, and tried to convey the chaotic nature of treating crash victims.

"We want to show them (students) what happens when they choose adult privileges, when you also choose adult consequences," Simmons said. "I want to

touch them in a way that triggers something in their brain."

Simmons said everyone involved is involved because they care, not because they don't want kids to have fun. Simmons told the crowd how she and her son connected after he saw the Docudrama. She said her son never realized how he could change his mother's life.

Maryville Public Safety Officer Jeff VonBehren said the exercise is a very lengthy process.

"We have about 15 or 20 people on the committee," VonBehren said. "A lot of these people here have to take time off of work to be here, and a lot of our meetings were held in the morning before work so it took out of personal and family time as well."

Afterward the students were educated on the legal problems involved in being caught driving while intoxicated. Nodaway County Coroner Vince Shelby also explained to students what it's like to call a parent to inform them their child has been killed.

"I'm just going to ask them to close their eyes and imagine they're at home asleep in bed and they get that knock at the door at 3 a.m.," Shelby said.



PHOTO BY DENNIS SHARKEY/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Emergency officials offer medical assistance to an accident victim during a reenactment at the Hangar on Tuesday. The Docudrama activity was designed to educate students on the dangers of drunk driving.

Northwest students shine at local art exhibit

BY SEAN COMER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

As another year draws to a close at Northwest, students from the Northwest art department seized a chance to display their talents.

Student artists displayed their talents in an exhibition at Fred Rohs's Artisan Gallery last Friday through Sunday.

Providing only the space for the exhibit, the students of the Student Art Association were responsible for the rest.

"They just wanted a chance to show their stuff and show the work they've done throughout the year," Rohs said. "It was a good show with good variety."

Senior Theresa Chiodini, one of the featured artists, began dabbling in photography in high school and specializes in black and white photography. She submitted two shots of foliage from Northwest greenhouses—photos she considers her best to date.

"You get this tingle in the back of your spine," Chiodini said, describing the feeling of creating. "You look at the film, print your sheets and it's the shot you least expect—and you feel that tingle. You have to print it right then."

Chiodini opts to shoot most of her work in nature to avoid distractions. When she's focused, Chiodini said, she draws a better feel for the images she wants to capture.

"It puts me in the right frame of mind for creating art," Chiodini said. "When I'm out wherever I'm shooting, I can let my mind play with the forms and shapes instead of having

to deal with human contact. I can feel the shapes instead of just seeing them."

In contrast to Chiodini's natural muse, senior Bryan McIntyre touched the frailties of human nature and the intricacies of the human form for his two window-displayed wire sculptures, "Loss" and "Avoidance Ritual."

"I pick an interesting figure, take the wire, and format it to the contours of the human form," McIntyre said. "Then I hope to add psychology to the whole thing."

With "Loss," McIntyre—who pursues a double-major in art and psychology—evokes the frustration of depression.

"(Depression) seems to leave so many people at a loss, where they end up fumbling around," McIntyre explained. "So many people have trouble getting back on their feet."

"Avoidance Ritual" hints at another possible reason the bars always seem busy.

"I kind of wonder if people drink to avoid problems or forget them," McIntyre said. "I've experienced this myself and turned my way around to prevent alcoholism in myself. Hopefully people realize there are more constructive things to do—like find a hobby and create art."

Chiodini said the show could open new doors for Northwest art students. Both she and Rohs look forward to more student-art exhibitions.

"It felt like we were stating ourselves as an art community to Maryville," Chiodini said. "It felt like a gateway or a first step. It was nice to see students finally get together, pitch in, and do something for the sake of art."

"YOU GET THIS TINGLE IN THE BACK OF YOUR SPINE. YOU LOOK AT THE FILM, PRINT YOUR SHEETS, AND IT'S THE SHOT YOU LEAST EXPECT—AND YOU FEEL THAT TINGLE."

—Theresa Chiodini
Northwest student

Maryville businesses prepare for end of school year; owners remain optimistic

KELSEY GARRISON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

As school dwindles to an end, many businesses in Maryville face a potential decline in revenue.

In a college town such as Maryville, the students at Northwest make up a majority of the population during the school year.

For most businesses, students represent a good portion of their general revenues.

Dino Groumoutis, A&G Restaurant general manager, said students represent roughly 25 percent of their profits.

"During school it's a lot higher. There are a lot more ac-

tivities—football and basketball games—going on," Groumoutis said. "It's the little things that make a difference for us."

But not all businesses are affected by the loss of University students.

John Yates, owner of the Pub, said the change in weather is the most important variable affecting business.

"The weather affects (business) more I think than school," Yates said. "It seems like the nicer it

gets the more people are hanging around outside at the lake and doing things like golf. It will be later before you get going."

Similarly, The Hangar said their business is product based.

"The nice thing about our business is that we are completely product reliant and our product changes weekly," General Manager Rich-

ard Gross said. "And knowing students are going to be leaving town in large numbers in the next few weeks allows us to change our

product up and offer a product that will appeal to different audiences."

The Hangar attendance varies based on University activity.

"During finals week, students are busy studying and the week they move in or move out there will be noticeable attendance differences," Gross said.

Despite the possible decline in revenue, Groumoutis is still optimistic about summer business.

"We are feeling pretty good about it," Groumoutis said. "There is a lot of stuff going on at the University. They've done a lot for this community. With the patio we created outside, people can come and sit down and relax after work."

"THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON AT THE UNIVERSITY. (STUDENTS) HAVE DONE A LOT FOR THIS COMMUNITY."

—Dino Groumoutis
A&G general manager

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Our View

Power of Protest?

The protest some Northwest students participated in may not provide the best solution to their problems

Tuesday marked a great opportunity for free speech. No form of speech is more pure than a group of students citizens gathering together to share their views on a cause. While the Students for Political Awareness gathered at the Bell Tower to share stories of alleged mistreatment by Maryville Public Safety, they also shared their sides of encounters with the law. Free speech is certainly something supported by *The Northwest Missourian*; however, the method chose by the group raises some concerns.

A protest ought to be the last resort in a way to be heard. That was the road taken, however.

If the students at the rally are so concerned about a change in Maryville Public Safety, perhaps they should go straight to the people who make the decisions.

The Maryville City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in meetings open to the public.

Attending such meetings, writing letters to the editors of the town's three newspapers or setting up discussions with leaders of public safety are all feasible alternatives.

Chances are, those officials would likely take students more seriously if they chose a method of approaching the situation by civil conversation, rather than standing in front of public safety headquarters demanding someone come speak to them.

The protest as a whole isn't without some positives, however.

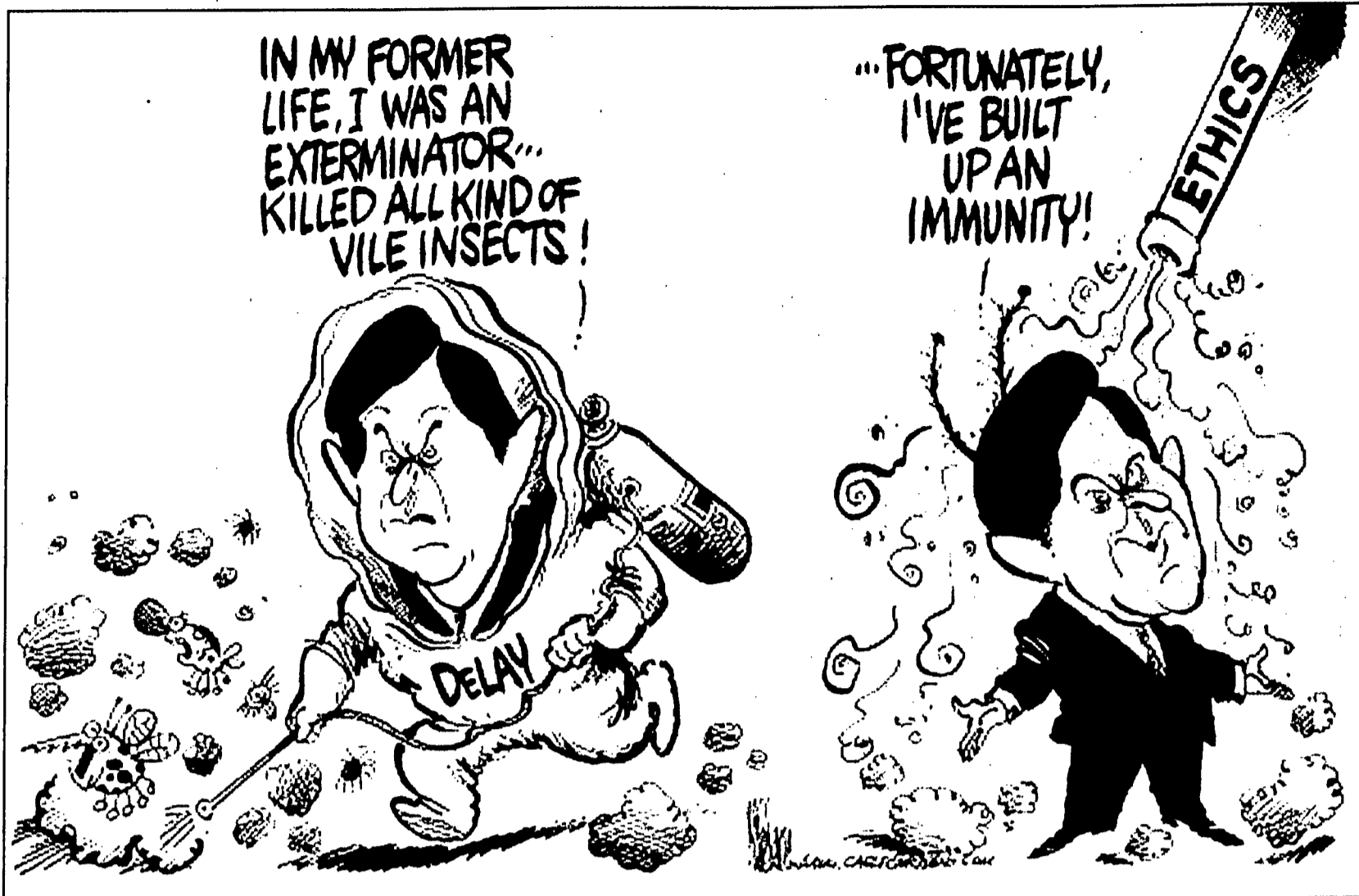
Any time a group of students can come together for a cause is commendable. It would have been simple for the apathy which fills this campus to take a toll on the students who stood at the Bell Tower waiting for more students to arrive.

Instead, students stuck together in what organizer Leon Hardin called, "a party-like atmosphere."

In addition, it should be noted the group remained exceptionally calm, considering the route the students easily could have taken. As the protestors passed city officers, they simply moved along their path, not inciting any problems.

Students from around campus could learn a lesson from the students that protested Tuesday afternoon. They found something they were passionate about, and acted on it.

Future students should not forget these actions, but it is vital to remember there are many other steps that should be exhausted before resorting to measures such as protests.



Students, remember: Things could always be worse

My View



DOMNICK HADLEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Every college student can attest to the difficulties of college life—there's the never-ending cycle of class exams, assignments, group projects, and God knows what else.

With all of these evils hovering

overhead, it's easy to get caught up in moments of pity and self-doubt. However, a couple of weeks ago I had one of those unique experiences that put a lot of things into perspective.

Instead of spending last Saturday winding down, I had the privilege of interviewing Northwest graduate and area farmer Paul Moyer.

Moyer was raised on a farm outside of Maryville during the onset of the Great Depression. I spent nearly three hours listening to this gentleman describe his childhood experiences, of what it was like growing up on a farm in the midst of the depression.

Moyer would wake every day to complete a series of strenuous chores—milking cows and whatever else was demanded of him. After completing the chores, Moyer would begin his daily trek, on foot, to St. Patrick's Catholic school to start his rigorous daily class schedule.

He returned home immediately

after classes ended, only to endure another long list of chores and subsequent English and math lessons administered by his parents.

This laboring lifestyle continued on to his high school and college years. Moyer worked as a janitor 40 hours a week, while pursuing a double major at Northwest.

He spent another couple of hours dishing out these encounters, and as I sat there I began to feel a little ashamed. Here's this guy who spent his childhood grappling with the tragic events of the Depression without the comforts of modern technology. They slaughtered their own hogs for fresh meat, cut their own wood for warmth and all sorts of other things to sustain a decent lifestyle.

There were no microwaves, refrigerators or computers. Despite the absence of such devices, Moyer and his family withstood such hardships without allowing themselves to delve into the depths of pity and despair.

I don't know how many times I've heard people complaining about the difficulty of school—the papers, tests and unfair assignments issued by cruel professors who have no idea about the struggles associated with being a student.

I've even had a few pity parties myself.

However, listening to his stories made me realize students today live much easier lives than people like Moyer. How many students can say they slaughter their own hogs, and work 40 hour a week jobs while simultaneously pursuing a double major?

We have grocery stores, cell-phones, global Internet and other modern conveniences, but we find time to complain about papers, professors and school in general. School is difficult and challenging, as it should be. But, factor in all the conveniences of modern technology and maybe, just maybe life isn't so bad.

All people possessing guns are not criminals

I was just reading the article, "Floridians shoot first, ask questions later," and I was wondering, where do you base your thoughts that Florida is going to turn into the Wild West with shootouts in the OK Corral? Legal, notice I said legal, gun owners are not all crazed psychopaths just waiting to start blasting away at anything that moves.

To own a gun, a person must take a class, be certified and have a license. These are not just any run-of-the-mill weirdoes.

Also, maybe you should consider some statistics before you write an article. I know the media really hates to look at and use the truth, but it is required in truthful writings.

Statistics show that cases of rape

and violence decrease when individuals are able to protect themselves by having a licensed gun on their person. Also, criminals are known to be selfish; do you think a criminal is going to mess with someone that may be packing a weapon? No, they are going to victimize someone who is weak and will not be able to fight back.

My last question is have you ever owned, handled or been educated at all on guns? Maybe you should before you begin forming opinions and writing biased articles.

If you have any question feel free to e-mail me; I have sources to back up all of the information.

AMANDA L. BOHANNON
NORTHWEST STUDENT

Lifelong penalty seems harsh for crime committed

BY JOSH MULLINS
THE DAILY ATHENAEUM

(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It's tough enough to find a job these days, but not having a college education can make that search even harder. As more students go after a college diploma, businesses have more workers to choose from who have developed skills well beyond a high school education.

Numerous studies have shown the benefits of a college education. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 1999, males with bachelor's degrees made

about \$29,000 more than males who only had a high school education.

And as for the ladies, well, you can look forward to a 91 percent increase in income once you complete a bachelor's degree. In the long run, families headed by a college-educated individual are expected to make \$1.6 million more than families led by a person with a high school diploma.

Aside from the money, there are many other benefits of a college education. People who graduate from college are more likely to have a longer life expectancy, more access to health care, and generally better eating habits and over-

all health.

So it seems to me that denying students the right to these advantages because they were overzealous after a basketball game is a bit harsh. Eleven students have been handed expulsions as punishment for various activities following the men's basketball team's overwhelming success in the NCAA Tournament last month.

Once a student is expelled it is incredibly hard, if not impossible, to be accepted to another school. For those 11 students, if the decisions aren't overturned in the appeals process, this is the end of their college careers.

The university's policy states that it can expel anyone who participates in disruptive behavior that is "an interference with the orderly operations of the university by destruction of property, breach of the peace, physical obstruction or coercion, or by noise, tumult or other forms of disturbance."

And keeping students in check isn't a terrible idea. For many, this is the first time they are without parental supervision, so it might not be a bad thing to let them know there are rules. But it is excessive to ruin a student's life over getting caught in the heat of the moment, no pun intended.

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An article concerning the Lucky's Bar hearing that appeared in Northwest Missourian contained incorrect information. The article, which was printed April 7, stated the Pub had been cited for MIP violations. However, in MIP situations the individuals are cited not the establishments. The Missourian apologizes for this error.

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Two culprits caught in Public Safety car burning

DOMINICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

After less than a month of investigations, two Maryville men have been charged with tampering or allegedly torching a public safety car.

Anthony Ferry, 19, and Brian David, 20, were arrested April 2 based on evidence gathered from previous interviews.

Due to statutory limitations, both suspects were charged with tampering instead of arson.

"Under Missouri law, arson only applies to inhabitable structures," prosecutor David Baird said. "It doesn't apply to vehicles."

March 25, a public safety dispatcher discovered the patrol car engulfed in flames outside the

building. Officials suspected an accelerator caused the blaze.

The fire followed a similar incident involving a Northwest campus safety car. Lt. Ron Christian believes the two fires are closely related, but no additional charges have been filed against either man.

"Maryville Public Safety is still working closely with Northwest Campus Safety," Christian said. "We feel that both car fires are closely related; however, at this time we do not have enough direct evidence to be able to charge anyone with the campus safety fire."

Both suspects were released on bond, and will appear in court May 10.

If convicted, Ferry and David could face maximum seven-year sentences.

RIGHTS: Students protest against Maryville Public Safety

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"They are simply supposed to say that we've broken the law (and) hand us our ticket for it consistently," Loeshner said during the forum. "Don't walk into the car and find kids that you know have been an MIP ticket before and single them out. If you're going to issue an MIP, you take everyone or no one."

As students marched down the streets toward public safety headquarters, officers helped control traffic to give the protesters a safe route.

"I think they have the right to organize a peaceful rally," Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey said. "But I think they are going about it wrong. There are twenty-some city of Maryville police officers, so if there are one or two (officers) to have upset students) that are giving the rest of the officers a bad name for all of them, (then) you've got twenty-some officers that are doing their job saving lives and fighting fires and solving crimes. They're demonstrating against the whole town."

Chesnut also had some concern with the road protestors took to bring these complaints to the attention of public

safety.

"It's hard for me, as a community citizen—I've lived here all my life and I've been on both sides of the fences—to understand why we wait until now to do a protest when we haven't gone through any of the processes," Chesnut said.

As protestors stood outside public safety headquarters with signs and loudspeakers begging for an officer to come outside and speak to them, Chesnut stood inside with officers wondering how the situation reached this point.

"We would like to help. We'd love to help," Chesnut said. "But how can we do that? We have to be invited to the table to help. We were never invited to the table."

Loeshner conceded both sides committed wrongs and claimed students were willing to meet public safety halfway.

"All of these are just steps. We have to take this just step by step. This is where we are right now," Harden said. "We'll keep pushing until we can't push anymore. The next step is to continue doing this."

GREEK: Week called off

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"I was actually disappointed that (Theta) didn't party like they normally do," Harp said.

Harp explained the majority of the Theta members didn't socialize and recalled one of the practices for Greek Sing in which he learned on purchasing a keg of beer, but then he asked how many wanted to drink, and a handful were interested.

Theta member and former Student Senate president Chase Cornett also expressed disappointment in the week's events.

"I'm disappointed that a lot of the people

put a lot of hard work in this, and to not see it go as smoothly as possible is disappointing," he said.

Despite last week's events, Porterfield remains optimistic next year's Greek Week can show the positives of Greek life.

"I don't think that canceling (Greek Week indefinitely) is the right thing to do. I would like the focus to be on the positive," he said. "I'm quite certain there are people out there upset with us. But there are a lot of people who felt that there were some issues that needed to be attended to."



Altar boys carry a picture of Pope Benedict XVI during a thanksgiving Mass celebration at the Sao Paulo's cathedral, in downtown Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, who chose the name of Pope Benedict XVI, is the 265th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

POPE: Conclave selects successor

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John Paul II supported council reforms but cracked down on what both men considered excesses spawned by the changes, including calls for priests to be allowed to marry and admission of women into the priesthood.

The hard-line enforcer of church orthodoxy under John Paul for almost 25 years, Benedict had gone into the two-day conclave as a favorite. He was elected Tuesday as the oldest pontiff in 275 years and the first Germanic pope in almost a millennium.

A cheering crowd of more than 100,000 welcomed Benedict when he stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica as dusk fell Tuesday and gave his first blessing as pope. By contrast,

St. Peter's Square was nearly empty early Wednesday, although by the end of the Mass a few hundred had gathered to watch on giant TV screens.

American cardinals said Benedict had been unfairly caricatured as an unfeeling conservative, describing him instead as a caring, brilliant churchman who listens to those with opposing views.

"I think he'll play well as soon as people come to know him," said New York Cardinal Edward Egan. "This is a very unprepossessing, humble, and if I may say, lovely gentleman."

The pope's participation in the Nazi Party as a youth rang alarms in Israel. "White smoke, black past," said the headline in the mass circulation Yediot Ahranot. "From the Nazi

youth movement to the Vatican."

The young Ratzinger was enrolled in Hitler Youth, and was later drafted into the army.

"He was 18 years old when the war ended so everything that he had to do with the Nazi regime was as a very young man," said Moshe Zimmerman, a professor of German history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he said. "I don't believe that there is any room for doubt that (the pope) of today is very different than the days he belonged in the Hitler Youth."

"I hope that the new pope will continue the same way and he will continue to build the same bridge as the last pope built in the past between the two nations, between the Christians

and the Jewish nation," said Israel's chief rabbi, Yona Metzger.

In his first words as pope delivered from the loggia overlooking the square, Benedict paid tribute in accented Italian to "the great John Paul II." He called himself "a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."

Benedict, who turned 78 on Saturday, is the oldest pope elected since Clement XII in 1730. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

His election in four ballots over two days concluded one of the shortest conclaves in 100 years.

Paper recognized for coverage of death

BY COLE YOUNG
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

For generations to come, the Library of Congress will hold a special historic collection of materials related to the death of Pope John Paul II.

The Northwest Missourian will be part of it.

The staff, along with advisor Laura Widmer, received word from the library that the information displayed on their website the days following the pope's death will be included in a special collection for decades to come.

The website contained stories re-

garding the more personal side of Pope John Paul II and different people's paths that crossed with his.

In addition, the website and paper provided several multimedia resources for visitors. Included were soundbites from area Catholic officials.

"I felt our coverage of the Pope covered every aspect of what people wanted to know," chief reporter Dennis Sharkey said. "I think we took a big story and made it apply to those who don't normally follow the pope."

The project is sponsored through Minerva in the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress or its agent will engage in the collection

of content from your website at regular intervals. The Library will make this collection available to researchers onsite at Library facilities.

The Library also plans to make the collection available to offsite researchers by hosting the collection on the Library's public access website.

Currently, Minerva has collections regarding the 2002 Election, September 11 coverage and Election 2000.

Nearly 2000 websites were chosen from throughout the world.

"I think this really speaks well for our newspaper to be recognized with professional newspapers from around the world," web editor Angie Noland said.

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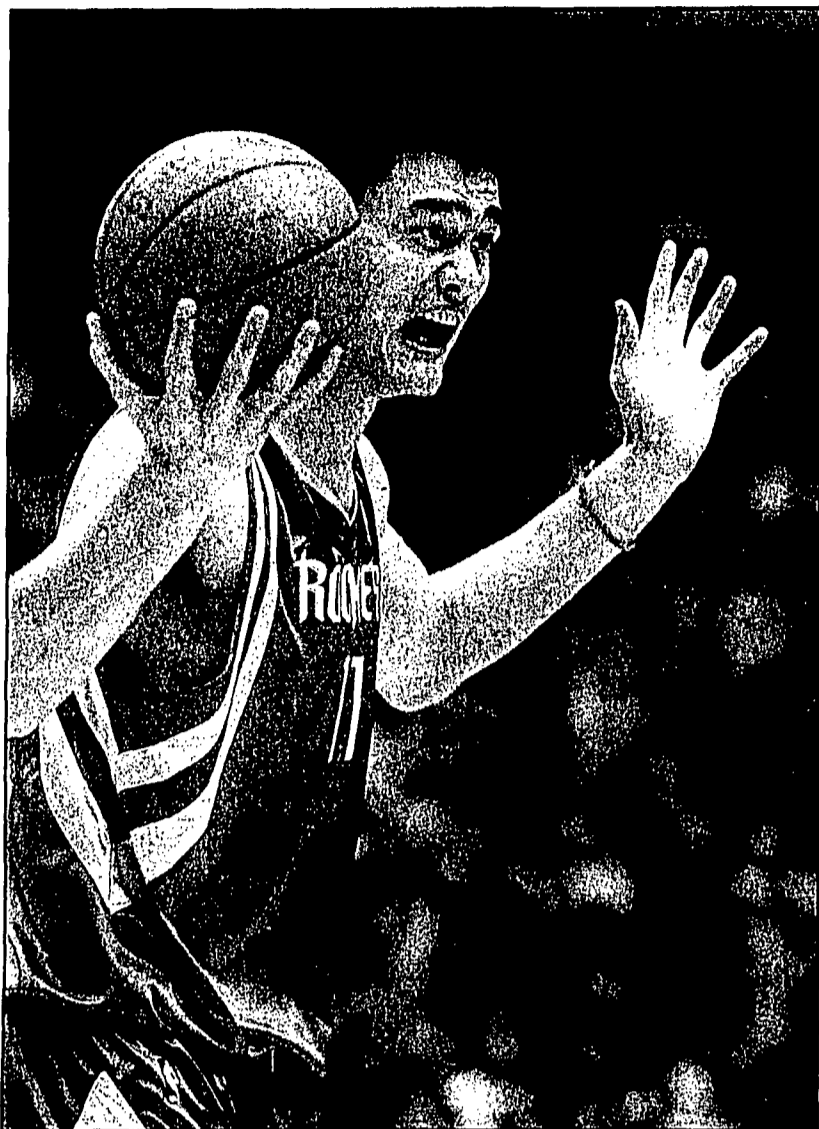
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The Year of the Yao



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You may think you know as the rock stars and starlets and stud athletes say when they invite cameras into their homes on MTV — but you have no idea.

And after watching "The Year of the Yao," which plays like a feature-length version of one of those MTV "Diary" episodes, you won't have much more of an idea, but at least you'll have a good time.

The documentary about Yao Ming — the 7-foot-6 Houston Rockets center and instant pop-culture icon — follows the National Basketball Association's first Chinese player from his selection as the No. 1 draft pick in 2002 through his rookie season.

Because co-directors James D. Stern and Adam Del Deo made the film with help from NBA Entertainment, you're not exactly getting a warts-and-all depiction. But Yao, who was 22 then, nonetheless is a fascinating subject, if only because he's such an anomaly.

He has the eyes of a billion people back home watching him as a cultural symbol and international ambassador. He has the insatiable American media scrutinizing his every move (Charles Barkley is especially vocal in his own uniquely unfiltered way — more on that later). He has a new language to learn as well as coach Rudy Tomjanovich's complex coding system for calling plays.

And then there is his day job: actually competing in the NBA, where he finds a far more aggressive physicality than he's ever experienced. Even the obligatory hand shake-shoulder bump greeting he receives upon meeting his new teammates looks awkward on him.

But Yao handles all this with grace and good nature — that we see, at least — thanks to some help from his parents, both former basketball stars in China who largely remain in the background, and from his interpreter, a relationship that proves to be the film's most compelling element.

Colin Pine, a then-28-year-old Baltimore native with a love of Chinese culture and language, starts out helping Yao answer questions during news conferences, but becomes his tour guide through American culture and eventually functions as a confidant and brother figure.

Colin also becomes our tour guide in Yao's world, serving as narrator and walking us through the season, from the pressure of big games against Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers to the mundane details of daily life like eating pizza and playing video games. They're totally different people from vastly different worlds, but they become close through sheer necessity and a shared love of basketball and new experiences. It's a sweet, unexpected thing to watch to their friendship develop.

Watching Yao's game develop, though, is something else entirely. Af-

ter playing his whole life with a culturally ingrained sense of teamwork, he comes off as somewhat of a bust at first to American fans and pundits. He is simply too nice.

"I guess people might have thought he was a big clumsy oaf," Collins concedes after Yao's weak showing during the Rockets' season opener against the Indiana Pacers.

Barkley, himself a former Rockets star, takes it even further. "Yao Ming made Shawn Bradley look like Bill Russell," he says on TNT, and pledges to kiss co-host Kenny Anderson's butt if Yao ever scores 20 points. (He finally does, and in one of the film's funnier scenes, Barkley is forced to follow through by kissing a donkey's posterior on live TV. To his credit, Yao laughs it off, and consistently seems comfortable making fun of his larger-than-life image.)

But "Year of the Yao" is also enthralling in the same way much celebrity reality TV is — for the voyeuristic guilty pleasure of watching famous people at home, or during unguarded moments. Yao does reveal much, but we do get to see the sort of toll his frenzied American schedule takes on him, especially during festivities surrounding the All-Star Game, where he beat Shaq in voting to win the spot as starting center.

Then at the end, "The Year of the Yao" feels truncated. It would have been helpful, for example, to see some sort of epilogue detailing the stats for his rookie year. Yao simply gets on a plane for China.

you see him and the Rockets play the Sacramento Kings in an exhibition game in Shanghai last October (the first time two NBA teams had played each other in the country), and that's it.

Simply from watching the movie, you'd think this was a one-year deal — "Yao Ming's Big Adventure," if you will. Meanwhile, he's averaging 18.3 points and 8.4 rebounds a game as he leads the Rockets into the playoffs. Again.

"The Year of the Yao," a Fine Line Features release, is rated PG for some mild language. Running time: 89 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four stars.



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Slipknot
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On a flight from Los Angeles to New York, Oliver (Kutcher) and Emily (Peet) make a connection, only to decide that they are poorly suited to be together. Over the next seven years, however, they are reunited time and time again, they go from being acquaintances to close friends to—lovers?

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Political intrigue and deception unfold inside the United Nations where an interpreter overhears an assassination plot.

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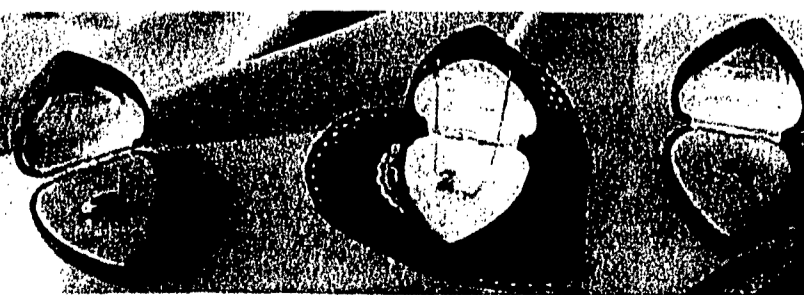
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Mournful memories revered

Parent Northwest senior, former Columbine High School student and others overcome tragic day while focusing on hard lessons learned

ARON BAILEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

April 20, 1999, Zach Ingels found himself in the middle of nightmare. As a junior at Columbine High School, Ingels was like any student spring—dreaming of days at the school, with the thoughts of tests and papers fading like the myriad of over marks on a well-used blackboard.

But at 11:19 a.m., innocence, hopes and dreams were shattered as the Harris and Dylan Klebold became a killing rampage, that would mark as the darkest act of school violence in American history. Wednesday marked the sixth anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings. Thirteen people lost their lives that afternoon and Ingels, a current Northwest student, remembers how close he came to being in the library that day—one of the deadliest settings of the massacre.

A friend had asked Ingels to help out with the upcoming student council elections during his last period in the library. But after other friends asked Ingels if he wanted to go to lunch, he decided to stay with them off-campus. The school had an "open-lunch" policy, allowing students to eat lunch off school premises.

After eating lunch, the three then returned to the school, but as they approached campus, a friend stopped Ingels' car.

A friend of mine stopped us and we just said to get out of here," Ingels said. "So after we piled about more kids into the car—we took We didn't take it too seriously at

first, I mean they said someone had a gun, but I just thought some kid just brought a gun to school."

But as Ingels and his friends sat in front of the television, the levity of the situation slowly began to sink in.

"We just sat and thought, 'this is the real deal,'" Ingels said.

Broken Glass

Russ Agnew and Ingels grew up playing sports together. They knew each other since the seventh grade and were best friends through high school.

That day, Agnew sat in his classroom when suddenly, a fire alarm began to wail.

"Later on, some friends of mine said they heard some loud bangs, but I just heard the fire alarm and didn't think anything of it," Agnew said. "Then we were told we were going to evacuate, and the teachers were in a big panic and were yelling at us to stand up against the lockers."

Standing with his classmates against the lockers, Agnew looked down at the broken glass clattering the floor, as he later believed one or both of the gunman had been through that hallway. Agnew then remembered everyone running through the halls to the nearest door at the northwest corner of the school.

Still not fully aware of what was going on, Agnew exited the building and recalled when he first became aware the situation wasn't just a fire drill.

"When we were outside, I saw people I knew and they were scared," Agnew said. "I thought the whole thing was a fire drill. But everything

didn't sink in until hours later."

'I figured it was all over for me'

A routine day came to an abrupt halt in the offices of Columbine High School.

"A secretary ran into my office and said there had been a shooting downstairs. So I ran out of my office and into the hallway and the gunman was coming down the hallway," recalled Columbine principal Frank DeAngelis.

DeAngelis didn't realize that the person walking down the hallway was one of the shooters until the man opened fire.

He then headed toward the cafeteria, where he had been told the gunfire had occurred. After which, one of the shooters fired in his direction.

"The gunfire started and bullets were flying by me and glass was shattering behind me," DeAngelis said. "So I figured it was all over for me."

DeAngelis then noticed several students unaware of the carnage just a few hallways away and led them into the gymnasium. They then took shelter in a storage room and waited.

After a matter of minutes, DeAngelis left the room and looked out the back door of the gymnasium to find a sheriff, who helped him get the students out of the building.

DeAngelis always wondered why the shooter never came after him.

"I could never figure out why the gunman didn't pursue me, because I was in the hallway by myself and the gunman knew it was me," DeAngelis said. "But what I found out last year was that Dave Sanders was walking down the other hallway and the gunman stopped and turned and shot Dave and so Dave ended up dying."

Sanders, 47 at death, was the lone teacher killed in the shootings. A majority of the evidence of that day had been sealed for five years and after reviewing the information, DeAngelis learned of the reason why the gunman did not pursue him.

DeAngelis met Sanders back in 1979 when they coached the Columbine basketball team together and had been friends ever since. Their families often are dinners together; they celebrated their birthdays together and the two shared a love for teaching.

"Dave was one of the kindest, gentlest people I had ever met. He was soft-spoken and a great rolemodel and never had a bad word to say about anyone," DeAngelis recalled about his friend. "He found good in everyone."

After the shooting a former student gave DeAngelis a portrait of



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Northwest student Zach Ingels was a junior at Columbine High School when the deadliest act of school violence in American history left everyone involved in dismay. Ingels has since overcome the tragedy and works as a disk jockey at KZLX.

Sanders they drew, which now hangs in his office.

"When I'm sitting here at my desk and I look towards the wall, I see him looking back at me and I look to him for strength," DeAngelis said. "That's the kind of person he was."

A Symbol of Resolve

The next school year, heavy hearts filled Littleton, Colo., but an undefeated season for the Columbine football team left few to wonder if someone was watching from "up above."

Ingels played defensive end for the team, and remembered one of their first practices in which the death of their fellow player and teammate, Matthew Kechter, gave inspiration for the daunting task of not only winning the state championship, but to help the community through a time of mourning.

"At the beginning of the year, we were all like, 'we're winning state this year—hands down, no questions asked,'" Ingels said.

Not only did they win the state championship, the team won every game.

During the playoffs, Ingels recalled being down 17-0 with little sign of hope for continuing their inspired mission. But a speech from their head coach changed everything.

"At halftime, our coach just said to us that Matt's watching us from up above," Ingels said. "We not only wanted to do it for Matt, but we wanted to win for ourselves—our team, our school. Because we wanted to show we weren't going to let some-

thing like that change our school or change us."

It may have been only a game, but the championship gave the Littleton community something to smile about again.

Hope Springs Eternal

This time of year Ingels, Agnew, DeAngelis and everyone involved find their minds wandering back to that tragic day. The lessons learned were hard, but they can teach us all about the resiliency of the human spirit.

Agnew, approaching graduation from the Denver Metropolitan College with a degree in sports administration this summer, walked through the halls of Columbine after his years there and still recalls the good times he had.

"Me and a friend actually walked through the parking lot there a couple of nights ago. After we graduated we would walk through there every once in a while and reminisce," Agnew said. "That day is what we think about, but we had a really good

high school experience, and this whole thing has taught me just to not take things for granted. This thing may have tainted some people's experience, but I like to think about how much fun I had back then."

For Ingels April 20, 1999 was a day which won't be forgotten. But at the same time, Ingels refuses to let the tragedy take hold of his life.

"I will never forget that day. But I'm not someone who dwells on stuff and lets it eat them up inside," Ingels said. "I was almost in that library—and I think about that a lot. But really, I just think about how I could have helped."

As a broadcasting major and coaching minor, Ingels hopes to one day coach high school football.

For DeAngelis, being in the school at this time of the year proves hard. He said everything, from the weather to prom, reminds him of that awful day, but at the same time, he is also reminded of something else.

"You can't take life for granted and you have to value each and every day," he said. "I hope the lessons we've learned are valuable lessons, because every time we lose a student to school violence—it's devastating."



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and Misty Bernal hug as they visit a memorial in Littleton Colo., Wednesday, for their daughter, Cassie, and the eleven other students and a teacher, Dave Sanders, who were killed six years ago in the massacre at Columbine High School.

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Pope Benedict XVI

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
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Cardinal Ratzinger greets the crowd Tuesday after he was elected Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, a rigorously conservative guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy, was chosen the Catholic Church's 265th pontiff Tuesday. He took the name Benedict XVI, and is the first Germanic pope since the 11th century.

April 16, 1927 — Born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, Germany

1943 — Drafted as an assistant to a Nazi anti-aircraft unit

May 1945 — Deserted German army; held in U.S. POW camp for several weeks

June 29, 1951 — Ordained a priest

1953 — Obtained doctorate in theology

1952-77 — Taught dogma and theology at German schools and universities

1962-65 — Expert on Vatican Council II

March 24, 1977 — Appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising

June 27, 1977 — Created Cardinal

Nov. 25, 1981 — Named Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, responsible for enforcing Catholic orthodoxy

Nov. 6, 1998 — Elected Vice Dean of the College of Cardinals

Nov. 30, 2002 — Elected Dean of the College of Cardinals

April 19, 2005 — Elected Pope Benedict XVI

A puff of white smoke escapes St. Peter's Basilica Tuesday morning at the election of Cardinal Ratzinger as Pope Benedict XVI, successor to Pope John Paul II.

Ratzinger is a strong follower of John Paul II's teachings and intends to continue in the same path as the former pope headed, even with public controversy.

"Pope John Paul II made clear the views of the church with no birth control and no women as priests," Father Korte said. "Some people interpret the church as seeing women subordinate to men and they aren't. The church sees women with a distinct role and gift to offer; we believe in the equality of persons, not role."

Benedict XVI, follower of conservative doctrine, shifted from progressivism after student revolutions in 1968. Since, he contributed to the Vatican's concentrated efforts against liberalism, religious pluralism, agnosticism, repeatedly challenged the "immoral" teachings of homosexuality and dissents women's ordination.

Benedict XVI also warns the public against relativism and wants to infuse strong faith centered on precise church teachings. Relativism believes in no certain truth, and ever-changing practices to adapt to different cultures. To him, relativism doesn't recognize the goals he pursues, which aim mainly to impose strict conservative teachings away from "modernizing or progressing" the church.

Traditional Roman Catholic groups favor Benedict XVI's Opus Dei beliefs and expect more traditional teachings and standards to be set. With more than 80,000 members worldwide, the ultra-conservative group is criticized for its secretive ways.

"Opus Dei is part of the Catholic Church just as Jesuits are," Korte said. "It's conformity for the church that was created by a Saint. It is a part of the church that,

either by misunderstanding or bad information, is viewed in a negative way and most of the people giving it a negative connotation don't fulfill or aren't faithful as they should be to the Catholic church."

There are many judgments made concerning Benedict XVI. Some believe his conservative ways will bring the church back to its roots, improving the Roman Catholic religion. Others want to modernize teachings, enabling religion to be brought out to the masses and recruit new Catholics.

Many question Benedict XVI's ability to improve the church's standards and live up to John Paul II's 26-year legacy and contributions to Catholicism.

There is also skepticism on whether the Pope's age will affect his ability to fix the challenges imposing the church. He is nearly 20 years older than John Paul II's age when elected. Benedict XVI is expected to carry on the traditional practices as John Paul II, and continue working with the Vatican council.

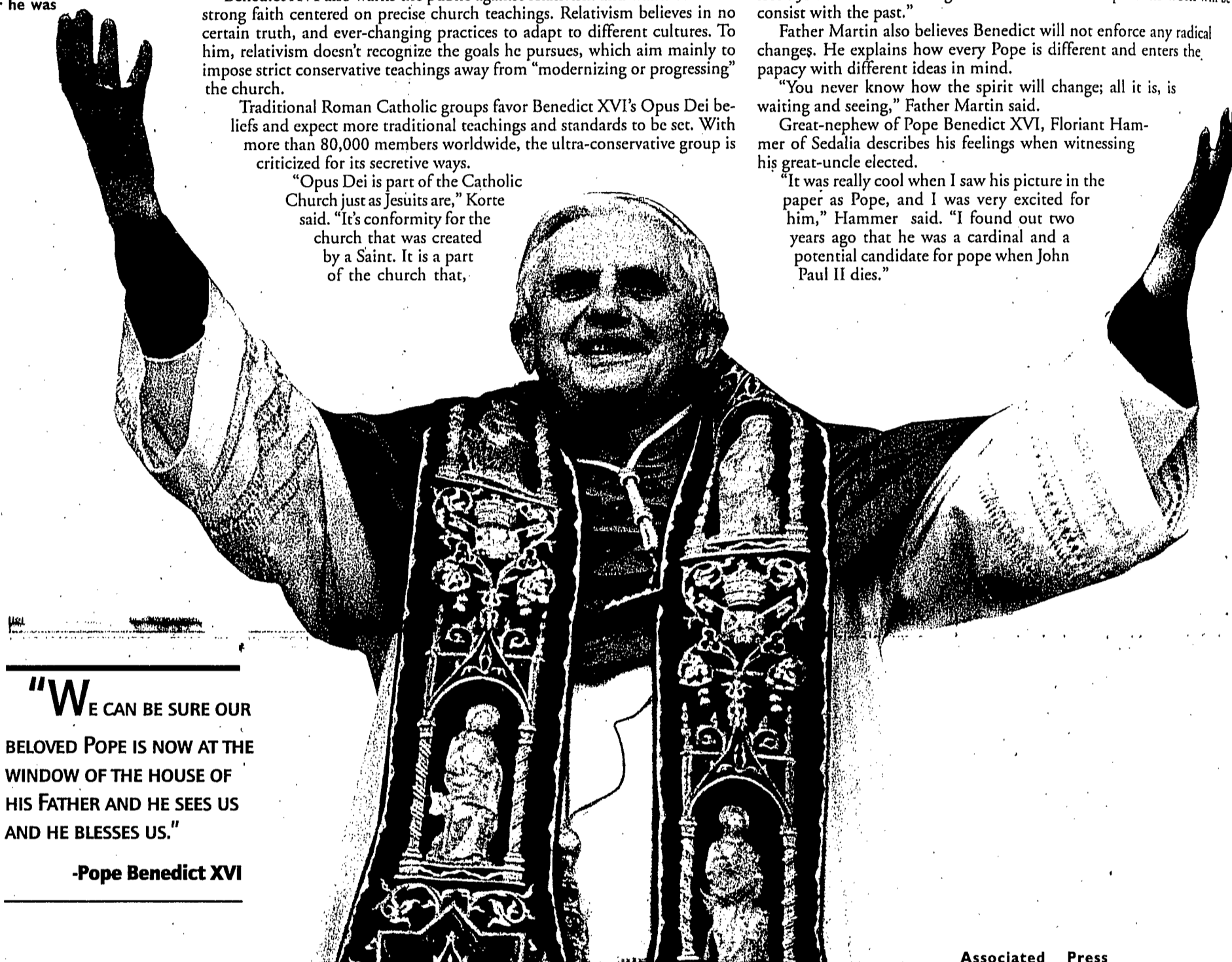
"I suspect very much the same from Pope Benedict XVI as we did from Pope John Paul II," St. Gregory's pastor Father Martin said. "He worked from John Paul II as his right-hand man and I suspect his work will be consist with the past."

Father Martin also believes Benedict will not enforce any radical changes. He explains how every Pope is different and enters the papacy with different ideas in mind.

"You never know how the spirit will change; all it is, is waiting and seeing," Father Martin said.

Great-nephew of Pope Benedict XVI, Florian Hammer of Sedalia describes his feelings when witnessing his great-uncle elected.

"It was really cool when I saw his picture in the paper as Pope, and I was very excited for him," Hammer said. "I found out two years ago that he was a cardinal and a potential candidate for pope when John Paul II dies."



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Softball grabs victory from visiting Central Missouri State

BY WOODERSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Bearcats jumped back into conference play as they managed to grab a victory in walk-off fashion Monday afternoon. The Northwest softball team split the double-header with Central Missouri State. The Cats took the first game 4-3 but fell short on the sweep, losing the second game 9-3. In the first game, Northwest was quick to get first on an RBI single by 'Cats third baseman Ashley Pride. The score remained tied until the bottom of the third. Once again, Pride stepped up with a two-run shot over the right field wall, making it 3-0 in favor of Northwest.

(Pride) has just got that mentality of I'm coming up to plate and this is where I want to be," head coach Susan Anderson said. "We just need some more people to step up and have that same mentality when it really counts."

The score remained 3-0 until the top of the fifth. Central scored two runs on two hits by Kym Caskey and Megan Hollenbach, cutting the 'Cats' lead to one.

Lauren Lakebrink relieved Macdonald in the top of the sixth, only the Central's Alix McNeal drive in the top of the sixth with a double to left field. The score remained tied after the seventh inning.

Northwest held off Central in the top of the eighth. In the bottom, the 'Cats would lead the bases, leaving Lakebrink to drive the winning run with a grounder up the middle.

In the final game, Northwest had a similar lead to the first game. The 'Cats scored first in the top of the first.

Northwest led 1-0 until the fourth inning. Central took a 5-1 lead on two home runs; first scoring two, the second a three-run homer. Northwest's Talina Canon was relieved by Lakebrink.

They really came out swinging the bats; hit the ball well in both games, but they had some bigger hits in the second game with runners on and that was crucial," Anderson said. "We've just got to do a better job up at the plate."

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PHOTO BY ADAM WATSON/
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man Jaclyn Brown digs low for a pitch last weekend during the Northwest Classic.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Royals first baseman Mike Sweeney approaches teammate and pitcher Denny Bautista during the top of the fifth inning after allowing a single Tuesday. Bautista was pulled later in the sixth and replaced with Andrew Cisco.

Youthful Royalty

Team tries to silence critics

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Kansas City Royals entered the season with a mountain of criticism surrounding them. They also entered the season with a completely revamped lineup; the reason for the criticism.

The heart of the Royals lineup consists of players who are extremely young or who are in the major leagues on an everyday basis for the first time.

So far, the Royals have not been able to silence the people criticizing them. They have struggled this year and are at the bottom of the American League Central Division.

"We're young, but we have more talent than people give us credit for," second baseman Ruben Gotay said. "People just looked at us at the beginning of the season and judged us on the basis that they hadn't really heard of us."

Gotay is one player who is seeing everyday action for the first time this year. At 22, Gotay spent most of 2004 at Wichita before getting the call up to the major league team at the end of the season. Gotay is hitting .294 and has been one of the team's more reliable bats so far.

"I've been seeing the ball pretty good lately," Gotay said. "It makes me a lot more comfortable knowing that I'm going to be playing everyday too."

As a team, with the exception of Tuesday when they exploded for 15 hits and six runs, the Royals have struggled offensively, narrowly escaping shutouts three times in the past week.

"Our hitting will come around," manager Tony Pena said. "Our defense and pitching will keep us in games this year, and once the bats come alive we should be able to play with anyone."

Part of the strong Royal defense is infielder Tony Graffanino. He has only spent one year with the Royals, but has been in the major leagues since 1996, playing for the Braves, Devil Rays and the White Sox before coming to Kansas City.

After sitting out the final 60 games of 2004 because of a torn posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, Graffanino finds himself right back in the action this year. He has seen playing time at second base, shortstop and third base already this season. After being on the field and playing with his teammates, Graffanino doesn't see the team's youth as a problem.

"We have a young team and you have to expect that we are going to have some rough games," Graffanino said. "We are going

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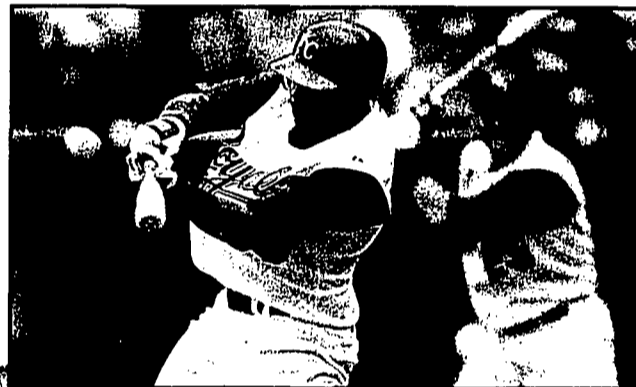


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Ruben Gotay takes a swing during the Royals 6-5 victory on Tuesday over the Indians.

Royals win in walk-off fashion

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The scene looked like it came from some sappy sports movie. The little-known catcher rounded the bases and was greeted at home plate by his teammates as the crowd exploded.

This was the scene Tuesday afternoon at Kauffman Stadium. Royals No. 9 hitter Alberto Castillo came to the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs and the score tied at five. Fans and commentators all thought Castillo was a sure out and the game was headed for extra innings, but Castillo had other plans.

On the first pitch from Indians reliever Arthur Rhodes, Castillo belted a no-doubter to left field. The afternoon crowd of 11,115 rose to their feet in unison as the ball dropped safely over the wall in the Indians' dugout. The Royals rushed onto the field to greet their catcher and celebrate their 6-5 victory.

"I wasn't trying to hit it out," Castillo said. "But, as soon as I got a hold of it I knew it was gone."

Tuesday's game was a welcome sign for Royals fans who witnessed near shutouts of the Royals in the past week. Tuesday, the Royals gathered at least one hit in every inning and ended the day with 15 hits, giving fans the victory and free donuts.

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Bearcats throw game away

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The ball sailed past first baseman Britt Westman's glove and a look of disbelief fell on the faces of Bearcat coaches, players and fans. The scoreboard clearly showed what they could not believe. The 'Cats let one slip away Tuesday night in Kansas City against the Rockhurst Hawks, with a 9-8 loss.

The 'Cats led by two, 8-6 going into the bottom of the ninth inning. Lane McKay came in to close down the game and it appeared Northwest would escape with a victory after trailing 3-0 at the end of the first inning.

Four straight base hits tied the score at eight with nobody out. The Hawks' No. 5 hitter Colby Parks came to the plate with runners on first and third. Parks hit a slow roller back to McKay. McKay fielded the ball and fired to first. The throw was off-target and the Hawks' Raymond Chang crossed the plate and grabbed the win for Rockhurst.

"It's tough to get down early like we did and fight back, only to see it slip away again," right fielder Kyle Gallagher said.

Gallagher had a good night at the plate going two for two with a home run, walking twice and reaching on an error once. Gallagher also threw a runner out trying to stretch a single into a double in the fifth inning.

"I had a good night; I'm seeing the ball well right now," Gallagher said. "But, I would rather have gotten the win!"

The 'Cats, who played good defense, could not take advantage of the Rockhurst miscues. The Hawks totaled four errors in the game, but still overcame those mistakes to get the win.

"They gave us some big breaks early," manager Darin Loe said. "It never should have been an 8-6 game going into the last inning, we just didn't execute."

The 'Cats flexed some offensive muscle, getting back-to-back home runs from Matt Coons and Gallagher in the seventh inning and then adding another run in the ninth.

"We had some big hits," Loe said. "Unfortunately our home runs came as back-to-back shots with no one on base."

Momentum seemed to shift in the last inning when the Hawks got their third straight batter on base to load the bases for their No. 4 hitter, Steve Bruce. Bruce had a great night going three-for-four with a homerun and six RBI's, including the two RBI's that tied the game.

"Bruce came through for them tonight with a couple of big hits," Loe said. "We just didn't execute or do the little things in the middle of the game to build up a lead."

This game was the last non-conference game for the 'Cats this year so from here on out every game will count toward MIAA standings, starting with games against Missouri-Rolla this weekend.

"We have to forget about this game tonight," Loe said. "We have some big games coming up against Rolla and we have to do well."

The 'Cats will face off against the Miners at 1 pm on Saturday and again at noon on Sunday at Bearcat Field. The 'Cats head into the conference match-up 25-17 overall and 12-5 in MIAA play.

Draft offers hope for Rector, Berlanga

BY ROMEO BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Jamaica Rector just wants this weekend to go and go. The former Northwest wide receiver is tired of the wait leading up to this weekend: NFL Draft.

It's just been a long wait, then hurry up and wait," Rector said. "I'm ready, ready to go over with. I'm tired of stressing and my leg hurting and all that."

The 2004 graduate will be in his hometown of Celeste, Texas, when the draft takes place Saturday and Sunday in New York City. Rounds 1-3 take place Saturday, followed by rounds 4-7 the following day.

Scouts project Rector of being picked from somewhere from the fourth round on. Rector said he has had several calls from

different teams, but doesn't think there is one particular team looking at him.

"I've gotten calls from a few teams here and there," he said. "They talk good, they talk good. But they're probably talking good to everybody they talk to. I'm just going to wait it out."

Rector finished the 2004 season as his best season during his four-year career at Northwest, finishing with 87 receptions for 1,207 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also served as a double threat as he returned 29 punts for an average of 16.6 yards, and 15 kick-offs for an average of 25 yards.

"Just a returner there's very few of those guys (in the NFL)," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsmas said. "The teams that I have talked to who are looking at him, most of them are looking at him as a combination of maybe a fourth or fifth receiver as well as a punt re-

turner."

Rector says he wouldn't mind doing both, returning and receiving, but if he had to choose he would prefer receiving.

"If I have to make a choice, then it would probably be a receiver," Rector said. "I love that; I grew up catching the ball like that. That's my heart. I'm not taking nothing from special teams because that's where you make your money also."

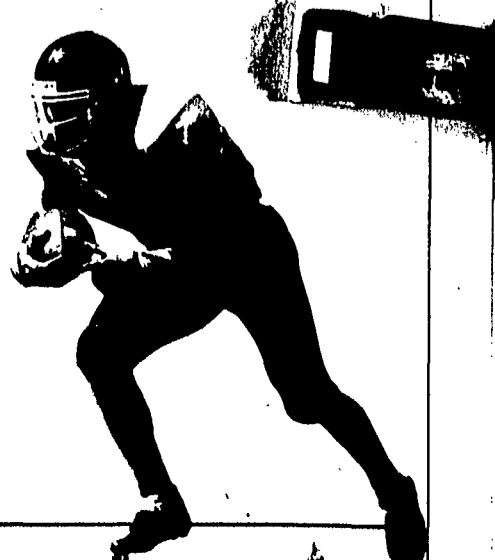
According to ESPN.com, scouts see Rector as a "shifty athlete with very good speed and explosiveness with the ball in his hands. He has improved tremendously in terms of his consistency as a receiver and he also has a lot of upside as a return specialist—primarily punt returning—in the NFL. However, there do have to be some concerns about Rector making the transition from the D-II college

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Draft Weekend

Wide Receiver Jamaica Rector, along with kicker Luis Berlanga, will anxiously watch the NFL draft this weekend. Both have hopes of hearing their name called as a draft pick for one of the 30 NFL teams.

Fans can watch coverage throughout the weekend on ESPN and ESPN2.



Rolling Redbirds



Cardinals pitcher Jeff Suppan tosses a pitch home during the Cardinals game against the Chicago Cubs Wednesday night. The Cardinals currently sit in first place in the NL Central Division.

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runners on and that was crucial," Anderson said. "We've just got to do a better job up at the plate."

Central continued extending their lead to 8-1 in the top of the fifth. Lakebrink was then relieved by Kelly Hainline who finished the game.

Northwest fought back after another two-run homer by Pride (placing her one home run away from the single season record) but it wouldn't be enough. The 'Cats went on to lose by a score of 9-3.

"(Central) got hits, they hit it hard (and) we made some errors," Pride said. "We just couldn't get our rhythm going up to bat."

The split moves the Bearcats' record to 4-6 in the conference and 27-20 overall.

This past weekend the 'Cats participated in their own tournament, finishing with a 2-3 record overall. They split

their games Saturday as they fell to Minnesota State 8-3 before shutting out Missouri-Rolla 7-0. The next day the team won a pitchers' duel as they defeated South Dakota 1-0, but then dropped their next two games to Augustana and Missouri Western, 7-4 and 5-0, respectively.

The 'Cats face Pittsburg State in a doubleheader at 2:30 Friday afternoon at Bearcat Field. The next day they finish up an 11-game home stand with a doubleheader against Missouri Southern at noon.

Maryville native honored with weekly conference honors

Northwest Missouri State sophomore Talina Canon (Maryville, Mo.) was awarded the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Softball Pitcher of the Week for April 11-17, announced late yesterday by the conference offices. Canon, a 5-foot-10 right-handed hurler, was 2-0 with a 0.43 ERA and two shutouts in four appear-

ances for the Bearcats last week.

She scattered four hits to log a road shutout of Lincoln (Mo.), 6-0, Thursday (April 14). Canon struck out three with no walks.

Her second blanking of the week came Saturday (April 16) at the Northwest Spring Classic against Missouri-Rolla. Canon allowed three hits (two doubles) and a walk, but added two strikeouts as the Bearcats won, 7-0.

Canon also pitched twice in relief, she struck out the only batter she faced against Minnesota State-Mankato on Saturday and allowed one run on four hits in two innings of work against then-No. 15 Missouri Western on Sunday (April 17).

Canon, who now has three shutouts on the season to go with her league-leading three saves, is a graduate of Maryville High School. She becomes the first Bearcat to win a weekly award and is one of three MIAA pitchers to receive the listing in 2005.

Small squad brings back improved times, distances

BY ANDY TIMKO
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

After a three-day competition in Emporia, Kan., the Bearcat track teams came home with little to worry about.

Despite low scores, the 'Cats improved times and distances at the Godfather's Division II Challenge which will help in the final weeks of the season.

"We had a little bit of a mixed bag," women's head coach Scott Lorek said. "We had a couple rough spots, but overall it came out really well."

Alisha Samuel was a highlight for the team once again winning first place in the women's 100-meter dash with a time of 12.00.

Brandi Honeywell also had a strong performance improving and setting personal records in four of the seven events in the Heptathlon.

Karah Spader set a personal record in the 3,000 meter run by shaving 15 seconds off her previous time finishing in 10:52.80.

Although the 'Cats finished the meet in 12th place, Lorek believes the team is ready to make their final run in the postseason.

"I feel really good. I think we're rounding out into a real good spot," Lorek said. "We're getting close to peaking, we're not there yet, but I think we're right on schedule for where we want to be."

The low finish for the men's squad could partially be attributed to lack of members traveling to Emporia.

The men's team only took 15 athletes and finished ninth, but head coach Richard Alsup believes the men performed when they needed to.

"We didn't take a lot of people, but the people that we took com-

peted pretty well," Alsup said.

One of the factors in deciding to leave athletes was the rash of injuries plaguing the 'Cats over the last month. Three-time MIAA Athlete of the Week, Clint Prange, did not make the trip due to injury.

Heading into the end of the season Alsup hopes the athletes get a chance to heal despite all the things going on.

"This is a tough time of the year," he said. "Not only is there physical stress being put on by us, there's also some mental stress put on them just finishing school work."

Next up for the 'Cats are the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan., but both coaches believe their athletes are prepared to compete against the Division I challengers.

"I think when you're a good track athlete, you're a good track athlete," Alsup said. "An athlete can

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level to the NFL. He also lacks the size to be anything more."

Tjeerdsma says some of the doubt might be because the different type of competition Division I athletes see each week.

"I think the big separation is the level of competition," Tjeerdsma said. "A Division II athlete doesn't have that opportunity to compete against such a high level of competition all the time and so there is a lot more grey areas as far as if he can really compete at the NFL level or not."

But Tjeerdsma says the fact he catches the ball so well might attract some teams' attention.

"He catches the ball in his hands, that to me is the most defining factor of Jamaica Rector," head coach

Mel Tjeerdsma said. "The ball never gets to his body, he catches everything in his hands and that's something that everybody likes about him."

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-Mel Tjeerdsma
Northwest football head coach

Berlanga will not likely get drafted, Tjeerdsma says there is a big chance Berlanga will get a call after the draft to try out for a team.

"He knows that his opportunity will come right after the draft is over, and hopefully his agent will get a call from some teams and get that chance to go and be at somebody's camp," Tjeerdsma said.

Berlanga finished his only season at Northwest making 16 of 19 field goal attempts, two from beyond 50 yards.

According to ESPN, Berlanga is a "sleeper" to keep an eye out for. He is a little bit of a bloomer but comes off a strong senior season and he has the strength and mechanics to compete for a starting job in the future. Berlanga isn't likely to get drafted but he deserves a chance to compete for a spot in an NFL training camp this summer.

Finally, Gabriel Helms, former cornerback for the Bearcats, may get a shot with several teams in draft day. Helms finished the season with two interceptions and tackles.

The draft will be televised on ESPN and ESPN2 both days of draft.

The draft begins at noon on both days.

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Northwest Sports in Brief

Volleyball signs 3 recruits

Northwest Missouri State University head volleyball coach Lori Slight announced the signing of Annie Rice (Lincoln, Neb.), Amy Bohnker (Underwood, Iowa) and Ashley Mitchell (Davenport, Iowa) to a NCAA Division II National Letter-of-Intent today.

Annie Rice is a libero/setter at Lincoln East High School. She holds her school's season records for serves (598), assists (1003), sets (3013) and digs (226). Rice helped her high school team win the Class A-1 District Championship in 2004 and Class A All-City Championship in 2003. The Lincoln native has won numerous individual awards including: Class A All-State Team selection, Academic All-State selection, Heartland Athletic All-Conference Award and a 2005 All-Star Volleyball Team selection. She began playing with USA Junior Olympic Volleyball at the '12 and under' level and has

played in the National Junior Olympic Championship Tournament every year (7) since.

Ashley Mitchell will come to Northwest from Davenport Central High School where she participated in the state tournament for volleyball her senior year. During her last season at Davenport, Mitchell earned First Team All-Conference and All-State honors. She led her conference in kills and ranked second in the 4A state tournament for blocks per game (1.47) and third for kills per game (3.12).

Amy Bohnker was on the All-Tournament Team for both the Atlantic Tournament and Tee Jay Tournament while attending Underwood High School. She received Academic All-Conference honors and was a state qualifier in 2003 and 2004.

"The new additions to the volleyball team are very developed volleyball players," said Coach Slight in a release. "Their athleticism will allow

them to contribute tremendously to the team even as freshmen."

All three signees will be freshmen at Northwest next fall.

Dodd to see doctor

Northwest second baseman Cameron Dodd was hit in the eye by the pitch during an at-bat Saturday at Pittsburg State. Dodd was immediately rushed to the hospital and stayed overnight in Pittsburg, Kan.

Though it is unsure yet of the injuries Dodd has suffered, he does have to get stitches to his left eye.

Head coach Darin Loe said Dodd is still struggling to see clearly out of his eye. He is unsure if Dodd will be able to come back this season and will not know until they get doctor's opinion.

Dodd was supposed to see a doctor Wednesday.

Dodd was batting .359 with 10 home runs and 10 RBIs; the senior transfer from California is in his second season with Bearcats.

Rams re-sign backup quarterback

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The St. Louis Rams on Wednesday re-signed backup quarterback Jamie Martin to a one-year contract, and also signed offensive guard Rex Tucker to a one-year deal.

Martin played in one game last year with St. Louis after being out of the NFL for more than a year, and likely will be the third-stringer behind Marc Bulger and Jeff Smoker. He was 16-for-

30 for 188 yards last year.

Tucker started five games for the Chicago Bears last year before being placed on injured reserve on Dec. 1 with a hamstring injury. He missed the first seven games last year due to an ankle injury sustained in training camp.

Tucker has played in 35 career games with 27 starts, mostly at left guard. In 2001 he started all 16 games at left guard and was a Pro Bowl alternate.

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Errors continue to plague Hounds

JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Just looking at the box score of the Cameron-Maryville baseball game Tuesday makes anyone question if there was a misprint.

A closer look shows a big "8" under the error column. But no, that's not a misprint. The Spoofhounds committed eight errors during the 10-8 loss to Cameron.

IT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN ADDRESSING EVERY SINGLE PRACTICE. WE'RE AVERAGING RIGHT AROUND THREE TO FOUR ERRORS PER GAME.

-Brian Lohafer
'Hounds coach

During Tuesday's game, the team played close with Cameron until the fourth inning when the Dragons unleashed for five runs to take a demanding 9-3 lead. Maryville scored five more runs through the sixth inning and cut the lead to 10-5.

But their rally would be halted as Cameron escaped further damage after they snagged a Keith Starr line drive which could have tied the game. The Dragons would then shut down the Hounds in the seventh inning to win the game.

"If (the hit) had gone in, he would have tied it up for us, it been a little different," Lohafer said. "It was a close ball game, we didn't start out too well."

Cody Hersh pitched four innings and picked up the loss. The team managed seven hits in the game and the offense was going for the first time in while.

"(The batting) has been off and on and if we can stop) the errors then we'll have a lot better chance in every game," senior Josh Wilmes said.

The team will play today at the Pony Express tournament in the seventh place game against Chillicothe. They will then play Benton, Monday at the high school.

Lohafer believes part of the reason his team is struggling is a lack of focus out on the field. He says senioritis might be setting in, and the fact the weather is nice and prom and graduation are right around the corner might be on players' minds.

The biggest thing, according to Lohafer, is just to win again and get out of the slump.

"It's hard to get out of (the slump)," he said. "Basically, you have to build up their confidence."

Luck eludes Maryville in tourney

BY SHAUNDA FRENCH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville girls' soccer team remained stuck in a losing streak this past weekend due to key players remaining injured.

The Spoofhounds hosted Smithville last Thursday in their first home game of the season and faced a tough squad, losing 8-0.

Friday, Maryville traveled to the North Kansas City tournament where they came up short in a double-overtime loss to Kearney 4-3. Jennifer Nunn and Dana DeMott both scored goals against the Bulldogs. Saturday the 'Hounds faced a doubleheader to end the North Kansas City tournament which resulted in two close losses for the 'Hounds.

First they faced Shawnee Mission North where a penalty kick ended the game 1-0 and another close over-time ended 3-2 with William Chrisman gaining the win in the second match of the day. Jennifer Nunn and Emily Felton both scored goals against the Bears of William Chrisman. Finally, Tuesday Maryville traveled again, this time to St. Teresa's where the 'Hounds lost 5-0.

Coach Bayo Oludaja felt that although they came up short against St. Teresa's it was a good experience for the team.

"We played against a very good team," Oludaja said. "It was good for us to play against them. That way we continue to appreciate soccer at a higher level. Relatively speaking, we have a young team. In terms of our games today, they



Terra Barman (left) and Suzi Dawson (right) square off during Wednesday's practice. The 'Hounds' next match is today at Cameron High School. JV will play at 4:30 p.m. and varsity will follow. The 'Hounds' dropped close games in the North Kansas City tournament over the weekend including a 3-2 loss to William Chrisman in overtime on Saturday.

now have a better idea of what to strive for in the coming years."

The 'Hounds have been challenged all season facing numerous injuries, but Oludaja hopes things are starting to move forward in the 'Hounds direction.

"We still have setback injuries, a couple of people who are not quite up there yet," Oludaja said. "It has been a difficult season in a sense. We are disappointed in the

close games, but nobody has given up. We should be able to start bouncing back now. We should fair better in the games ahead. That's our goal."

The 'Hounds now stand with a 2-9 record and will travel today to Cameron playing at 4:30. The 'Hounds will have the weekend to rest up for games against Smithville Monday and then a home game Tuesday against

Lafayette. Conference games in the near future are the 'Hounds main focus right now.

"My desire for the seniors is to go out as conference champs," said Oludaja. "It's a fresh start, the fight continues."

The 'Hounds are struggling with the injury bug with Alyssa Carmichael suffering from a hyper-extended knee and Nunn still recovering from a quad injury.

Where are they biting? Fishing reports for local lakes

Mozingo: 58 degrees, normal, dingy; walleye and crappie good on minnows; all other species fair.

Paho: 57 degrees, rising, dingy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/12/2005)

Pony Express: 58 degrees, high, clear; catfish fair on stinkbaits and worms in 10' of water or less; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/12/2005)

Binder: 51 degrees, normal, dingy; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; black bass fair on plastic worms; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Long Branch: 54 degrees, high, muddy; channel catfish fair on leeches; all other species slow.

Mark Twain: 58 degrees, rising, muddy; crappie, largemouth bass and channel catfish fair; all other species slow.

Sever: 60 degrees, normal, dingy; crappie fair on minnows; all other species slow.

Thomas Hill: 58 degrees, high, muddy; crappie fair on minnows and jigs; channel catfish fair on stinkbaits and nightcrawlers; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

James A. Reed Area: 58 degrees, high, clear; crappie good; trout slow at Coot Lake and Honker Pond; all other species fair. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Montrose: 56 degrees, clear; full pool; black bass and catfish good; crappie fair; fishing pressure light. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Schell-Osage (Atkinson Lake): 58 degrees, dingy; full pool; catfish good on cut shad; all other species fair. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Smithville: 48 degrees, low, clear; crappie fair on jigs; catfish fair on worms; all other species slow.

Truman: 56 degrees, dingy; 2' high; black bass excellent using jig & frog 1 to 4' deep on secondary points; catfish good using shad on setlines; crappie fair on jigs & minnows; paddlefish snagging fair; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Little Dixie: 56 degrees, normal, dingy; largemouth bass good on plastic worms; blue catfish & channel catfish good on chicken liver; all other species slow.

Bull Shoals (East): 55 degrees, high, dingy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/13/2005)

Young tennis team gains experience from loss to Lafayette

BY SETH HERROLD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Spoofhounds tennis team gained some good experience but not a win, falling 6-3 to Lafayette Tuesday.

At the conclusion of the singles matches, the 'Hounds trailed 4-2 with the three doubles matches left. The 'Hounds, only able to take one of the doubles matches, continued their winless season.

Despite the loss, the 'Hounds received notable performances from several players such as Galin Gibson-Cornell. The 'Hounds won three of nine matches and Gibson-Cornell went into extra games with Lafayette's Alan

Wilkinson before losing a heart-breaker 9-7.

"This was one of our better matches, we stayed right with them," Gibson-Cornell said. "A lot of our matches went down to needing to finish the match and we just didn't hold on."

Gibson-Cornell teamed with Ky Hill to produce a great effort in doubles play but fell short once again 5-8.

Even in defeat, both Hill and Gibson-Cornell played well according to coach Robert Veasey. Veasey was also impressed with the team's performance overall and thought they gained some valuable experience.

"I thought this was probably one of our better matches this year," Veasey said. "The guys are improving and they gained a lot of experience. I was pretty

pleased, it could have gone either way."

Despite the lack of individual recognition or accolades in high school tennis, the 'Hounds continue to play with enthusiasm.

"To be a tennis player you really have to love the game," Veasey says. "It's truly a game you can play for the rest of your life. Regardless whether we win conference or state or whatever, those are always good things to shot for, but I'm out here teaching these kids a game they can play and enjoy for the rest of their life."

The 'Hounds are in action again tonight at Benton in St. Joe, were they will search for a first win of the season.

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Quad State up next for track team

BY AARON NELSON
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Grant Hagemen is the Head Coach of women's track at Maryville High School. Although this is only his second year at the position, Hagemen called this year's team 'the best experience he's ever had coaching' after Tuesday night's second place finish in Smithville. He is clearly excited about his team's heart.

"They were a real close group to start the season, because last year we talked a lot about the team and what it meant to be a part of the team so they're having a lot of fun and supporting one another," he said.

The support from her teammates undoubtedly paid dividends for one of Maryville's girls in Smithville, as junior Kim Wolfer had a career best in the shot put with a throw of 32 ft. six inches. That certainly stood out in Hagemen's mind, but he quickly to points out the second place finish was a team effort.

"We only had a couple of PRs (personal records) tonight, because the conditions weren't too favorable but overall it was a good performance by most of the girls on the team," Hagemen said.

Next for the girls' team is the Quad State meet, held today at Northwest's track and field complex. Events start at 10 a.m.

Although the Quad state meet was once a premier high school event, the number of participating schools has dwindled in recent years and it is no longer known if the meet still attracts schools from the four different states for which it was named. However, for the girls' team the Quad State meet is a milestone of sorts.

"(The Quad State meet) always kind of marks the middle of the season. We're still going to do some experimenting with the lineup, just to see what certain people can do. But we're getting into the heart of the schedule here, where we need to figure out if we're going to be a team that wants to make a push for conference or not. And from what I've seen from these girls so far this season, they're putting in the time and the effort to be in contention for a conference championship," Hagemen said.

Whether Hagemen's girls make that push for a conference championship still remains to be seen. One thing is certain, however; if the team stays healthy as they are now, they will consider it a major blessing.

"We've just got one or two girls a little banged up right now, but nothing season-ending or anything, so we're doing great so far," Hagemen said.

Coach Hagemen seems pleased with the direction the team is taking.

"We just need to keep working hard. The girls have a great attitude about this team. We just need to keep people healthy, and I think we're heading in the right direction," Hagemen said.

Progress is key for Hagemen, and right now he is seeing exactly what her wants to be seeing.

"Our young girls are getting better as the seniors continue to lead us. As a team we are improving," he said.

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Royals remind editor of what really matters: the fans

In today's world it seems the only thing people care about is winning. We love winning. We base our evaluation of ourselves and others on whether or not we find success. The slogan for living seems to have become, the more success the better, with no regard to the consequences.

It's only natural, then, that sports would be all about winning. Unfortunately, the Kansas City Royals have not exactly been a fan favorite over the past couple of years. In fact, the Royals have struggled even getting to the .500 mark.

Despite their struggles throughout the years, I remain a Royals fan, and I was fortunate enough to get the opportunity to spend last weekend and Tuesday covering the Kansas City Royals. I expected to have a great time walking the field, sitting in the press box and talking to my favorite players, but what I got was a lot more than I expected.



BRENDAN KELLEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I learned something.

They say not to judge a book by its cover and for the first time I think I truly understand that saying.

I watched in amazement Sunday as Calvin Pickering signed autographs for what seemed like forever, then took batting practice and then came back and signed autographs again. After he was done signing autographs he talked to me for 15 minutes.

I have been to enough baseball games over the years to know that's not the way most major league ball players react to fans yelling for autographs. Most of the time, a fan is lucky just to get the player to look in their direction. That's what is different about Pickering, that's what is different about the Royals.

Tony Graffanino, Ruben Gotay, Angel Berroa, Mike Sweeney—just about everyone on the Royals team never seemed too busy or too caught up in themselves to acknowledge the fans. These are the type of people kids should look up to; we should be proud to have these guys representing Kansas City.

Unfortunately, in today's world we no longer care about who's a "nice guy" or the fact the players in Kansas City are the type of role models kids should look up to. All people care about today is the Ws and the Royals can't seem to get many of those.

So, what happens to the team with the nice guys on it? They get beat, they get booed and no one comes to their games. They get nothing for being great people except a kick in the mouth and a constant reminder from fans and media that they are horrible.

But Tuesday, something changed. I watched a catcher named Alberto Castillo come to the plate with two outs and the score tied at five in the bottom



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Tony Pena talks to an umpire during innings of Tuesday's game against the Indians. The Royals currently sit in last place in the AL Central Division.

of the ninth inning. It appeared Castillo would surrender as the third out of the inning and the game would go into extra innings, but instead he hit a towering shot down the right field line into Cleveland's bullpen.

Tuesday afternoon the good guys won 6-5, in heroic fashion, just like they deserve. For one day, one afternoon, the good guys were the heroes and they heard the applause they always deserved.

I was never more proud to be a Royals fan. I was happy they got the win on Tuesday, but that's not what I am proud of.

I will always remember Saturday afternoon when the Royals stood at the top of their dugout and signed autographs for every person who approached them. The win was great, but the look on the face of the little boy who just got a Calvin Pickering autograph was ten times better.

It takes a lot to be a champion, but it takes even more to do the right thing

and put others before yourself in a world where all anyone cares about is winning.

The Royals may struggle, they may end up at the bottom of their division and they might not ever be the favorite to win a division championship but what the Royals are is better than that. Their players and coaches are more than ball players: They are good people.

I guess in a way I hope nothing changes about the Royals and years from now I can take my kids to the ballpark and watch their eyes light up as a man wearing a Kansas City Royals jersey tosses a ball toward them. It may just be a ball with marker on it, but to a child it is everything and I am thankful someone still realizes that. I'm even more thankful the people who realize that, wear Royal blue.

I guess what I learned is it isn't all about winning, and sometimes all it takes is a sunny Sunday afternoon at the ballpark to remind us of what really matters.

them early," manager Tony Pena said. "We haven't been doing that very much so far this season and I think it gave us the confidence to stay in and eventually win the game."

Royals' pitching was not perfect,

but they kept the Indians from putting big hits together and avoided the big inning.

"Our pitching wasn't amazing," Pena said. "But, we did what we had to do to win and we shut them down when we had to."

Pickering relishes major time

BY BRENDAN KELLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Calvin Pickering just finished batting practice and was walking back to the dugout. As he made his way to the dugout, the voices got louder and louder.

"Calvin, Mr. Pickering, please sign. Please sign my baseball," Pickering started to smile and motioned to his young admirer to throw him the ball. He stood at the top of the dugout and signed autographs until every last one of the young fans had a ball.

Calvin Pickering knows what he has. He knows where he came from and he is grateful to be wearing a Kansas City Royals uniform today.

"It never gets old," he said. "It still amazes me that someone would want my autograph."

At the age of 28, Pickering is really not that old, but he feels like he has been waiting forever for this chance, the chance to make the opening day roster and spend an entire season in the major leagues.

"I've spent my whole life playing baseball," Pickering said. "There were times when things got me down and I wondered if it was really for me."

Pickering came on to the scene in 1995 as a member of the Gulf Coast Orioles, where he hit .500 in 15 games. He spent two more full years in the minors before getting called up by the Baltimore Orioles at the end of the 1998 season. Pickering bounced back and forth from Rochester AAA and Baltimore for the next couple of years, before he was traded to Cincinnati and then Boston in 2001.

Pickering sat out the entire 2002 season with a torn quadriceps muscle. In 2003 he spent some time playing in Mexico before returning to Cincinnati's AAA team. He was signed by the Royals organization in the off-season and started the 2004 season at Omaha.

He was called up to the Royals at the end of the 2004 season, in 35 games with the Royals in 2004, Pickering hit .246 with seven home runs and 26 RBIs.

In 2005, Pickering entered Royals spring training wondering if he would be sent back to Omaha. Instead, Pickering beat out Royals 2004 All-Star Ken Harvey for a spot on the team, a move that some have questioned.

"Calvin fits in with what we are trying to do," manager Tony Pena said. "Sometimes it's not all about what you see on paper, he brings so much more to the team. Ken is a great player and I know you will see him back with the club this year."

Pickering and Pena appear to have the ideal player-manager relationship. Pena likes what Pickering brings to the team and Pickering respects and admires



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Calvin Pickering prepares for an at bat. Pickering is finally seeing major time at first base after bouncing around from several minor league squads.

his coach.

"Tony is a great guy and coach," Pickering said. "He expects so much from us and he truly believes that we can accomplish great things, he's the type of manager that you play hard for because you don't want to let him down."

Pickering started off the season the way you would see it written in Hollywood. In the eighth inning on opening day in Detroit, he ripped a shot down the left field line for his first home run of 2005. Things have not come easy for Pickering since that shot, though. He now finds himself hitting just .158 in five games.

"I'm going to start hitting the ball again," Pickering said. "I'm struggling a little bit now, but I know it will come back around."

Pickering is not the only one struggling, though. His team has struggled so far at the plate and find themselves at the bottom of the American League Central, they were criticized from the very beginning by sportswriters and analysts saying they might in fact be one of the worst teams ever. However, Pickering isn't listening to what every-

one else is saying.

"We're a young team, but we are close," Pickering said. "People are underestimating us, we're going to bounce back and surprise a lot of people this year."

It was a long road for Pickering, but somehow he made it. He made it through all the minor league towns, an injury that sidelined him for a season and even now, through all the doubters. Pickering has made it to this spot on this day at Kauffman Stadium, standing in the sun, smiling at the crowd, signing autographs for anyone who asks.

"I'm so happy to be here. I'm so happy I didn't give up," Pickering said. "If things would have turned out differently I might not be here today standing in a major league uniform hearing my name called out over a loudspeaker at a major league baseball game."

With that Calvin Pickering smiled one last time, picked up his glove, waved to his club admirers and made his way to the clubhouse to get ready to take the field.

ROYALS: Team battles youth, critics

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to make some mistakes, but we have some really talented guys on this team and as soon as they mature this team is going to cause problems for other teams."

It has been said that more people would support the Royals if they would put a winning team on the field, but in a world where the Yankees and other teams with deep pockets can buy whoever they want it makes it hard to put a winning team on the field right away.

"The thing people have to understand is that we are trying to develop a team," Pena said. "We are making play-

ers and we're taking a chance on developing young talent."

A struggling team, combined with the fact Kansas City is not the baseball town it used to be, has affected attendance and overall support for the team over the past couple of years but despite those factors, players still say they enjoy playing in Kansas City.

"Kansas City is a great town," Graffanino said. "The overall feeling of the town and the attitude of the people who live here make it that way."

Even though the Royals are struggling there does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel and that's

what Pena hopes fans will see.

"If people will just stick with us they will not be disappointed," Pena said. "This is a young team that is fun to watch and they are just going to keep getting better."

For now, the Royals will take the field every day with one goal in mind: bringing a winning team back to Kansas City as quickly as they can.

"People need to stop looking at our youth as being a bad thing, and instead look at it as promise for the future," Graffanino said. "There are some very talented young players on this team and they deserve some support and respect as they continue to improve."

HOMER: Bautista lifts team over Indians

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Royals starting pitcher Denny Bautista sat the Indians down in order in the top of the first and the offense backed him up by scoring two runs in their half of the first.

"It was good to see us jump on

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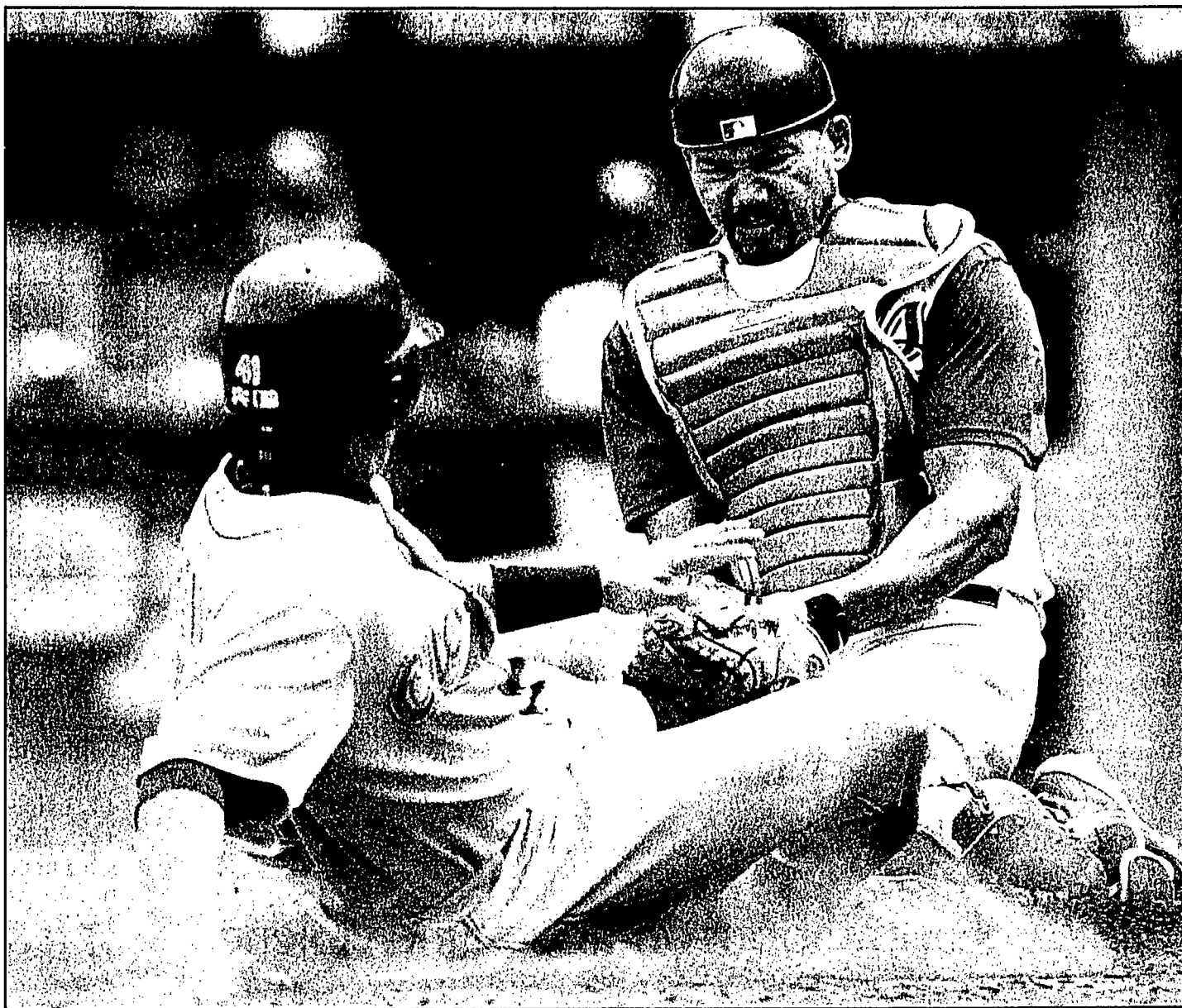
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RIGHT: Denny Bautista pitched five and one-third innings Tuesday for the Royals. He allowed all five runs in the Royals' 6-5 victory Tuesday.



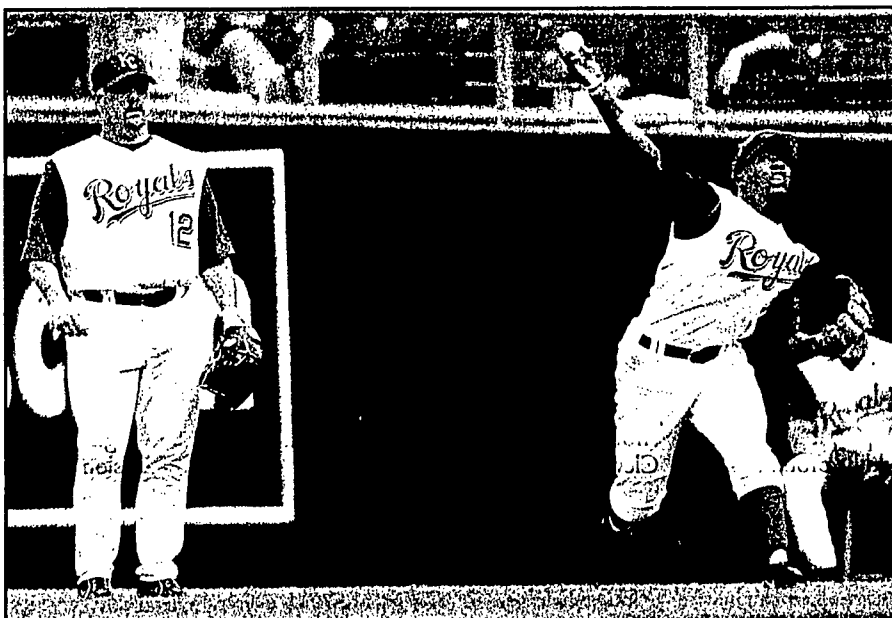
ABOVE: Alberto Castillo tags out Cleveland catcher Victor Martinez, in the fifth inning Tuesday.



ABOVE: Ruben Gotay's hat and glove rest on the steps of the dugout Saturday while Detroit bats.



RIGHT: Royals' outfielder Emil Brown tosses a foul ball into the stands during Saturday's loss to the Detroit Tigers, 7-1.



LEFT: Royals' Ruben Gotay gets a ball back into the infield as Matt Stairs looks on. Gotay went 0-4, getting an RBI on a sacrifice fly.



LEFT: Alberto Castillo trots toward second base after hitting a solo home run in the ninth inning to win the game 6-5.

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Your Man regresses for past columns

It's been a wild and amazing trip folks, hasn't it? Who would have thought I would've learned so much from you in this short time we had together?

I remember how, at the beginning of the semester, I was a young, naive upstart with big dreams. Boy, was I green! And then to see me grow and develop into a cranky, disenfranchised hack writer...that was the real gift, my friends.

And I know that through this semester, I've pushed some buttons and probably offended some people. I'd like to take the time now to apologize for things I may have said and just ask if you all could find it in your hearts to forgive me someday.

I apologize to Christians for referring to John the Baptist as John the "Bizzapist."

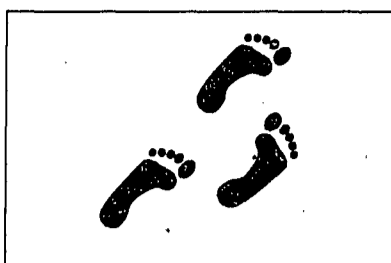
I apologize to Campus Safety for my column entitled, "Squad cars are flammable, too."

I apologize to Missourians for saying the new conceal-and-carry law was a bad idea. I think in the long run, less Missourians will be good for us all.

I apologize to the Schiavo family for telling people I was involved in a betting pool based on her death. Michael Schiavo, you beat me fair and square.

I apologize to the Bearcat Steppers for showing them up with my Mexican Hat Dance. I never meant to make you girls feel like inadequate dancers.

I apologize to African-Americans everywhere for referring to Martin



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Luther King Jr. Day as "awkward."

I apologize to St. Joseph for saying all their people looked homeless. St. Joe is a fantastic city with rich history, booming culture and 5-star soup kitchens.

I apologize to Amnesty International for not recognizing the amazing works they do to help raise awareness of social injustices, by doing such things as holding a banquet to raise awareness for the starving Sudanese.

I apologize to Michael Moore for goosing him. I also apologize for feeding the Republican protestors and then petting them, but I do not apologize for riding them. I also apologize for the gratuitous use of petting zoo references in this paragraph.

I apologize to liberals everywhere for not crying every time they don't get their way.

I apologize to Dean Hubbard for getting in his face at Brock's party. I

had a lot to drink that night and wasn't using my head. You're my bro and I love you, man.

I apologize to "Crazy Voicemail Lady" who used to leave me angry messages at *The Missourian*. I am sorry if I offended you. I hope someday we can bring peace between our people and my people may someday coexist peacefully with your people. Maybe we could even go out to dinner sometime or see a movie. Ya know, see what happens.

I apologize to a "certain someone" for putting "certain inappropriate pictures" on his computer, which then got him kicked out of a "certain university" and arrested. That was totally supposed to be a prank. My bad.

I apologize to fraternities and sororities everywhere for calling them "a bunch of drunken, sex-obsessed idiots." I was out of line. I mean without you guys, what would we do with all of those leftover Greek letters?

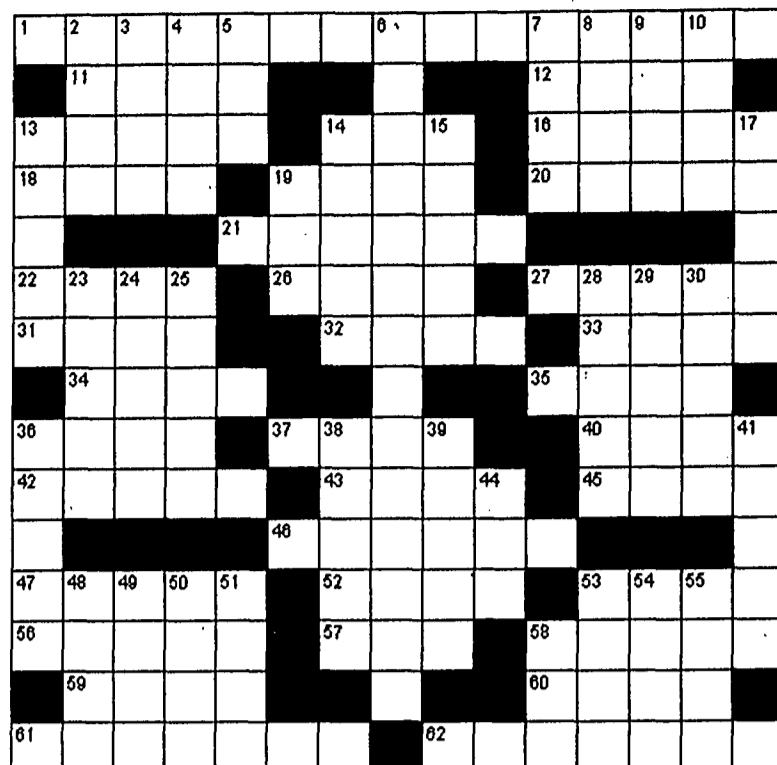
Well, it's time for me to hit that long road into obscurity. We must part ways and I must ride off into the sunset, traveling to other towns where my services are needed.

Wherever there is peace, I'll be there. Wherever there is unity, I'll be there. Wherever men and women are forced to walk the streets without fear of ridicule, I'll be there.

Remember, friends: You didn't just teach me to love, you taught me to live.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Automobile suspension component (10,5)
11. Exultation (2,2)
12. Child who has no home
13. Zooms
14. Middle Ages equestrian shield
16. Welding gas
18. Management
19. Company
20. Untidy
21. Mint cocktails
22. Detriment
26. Remain
27. Small

tuned drum

31. Scandinavian
32. Commander
33. Diver
34. Thereto (2,2)
35. Terrace (abbrev)
36. Smart
37. Said to attract attention
40. Passed easily
42. Small amounts of land
43. Strike forcibly
45. Eat between meals

46. Extra tax

47. Demanding scratching
52. Negatives
53. Circulate
56. Immature animal
57. Supernatural being
58. Supplications
59. Coarsely ground foodstuff
60. Squeezes
61. Gamete (3,4)
62. Spiritual leaders

Down

2. Excitedly
3. Edible mollusk
4. Saucy
5. Hebrew fifth letters
6. Button-shaped top of the mescal

cactus (6,8)

7. Floated
8. Vetch seed
9. Manipulates
10. Mysterious aerial objects
13. Sniff
14. Relating to wind
15. Increased
17. Thermoplastic yarn
19. Young wolf
23. Curses
24. Harm seriously
25. Zest
28. SW New York city
29. Town in S California
30. Pierces with horns
36. Polite
38. Moved back and forth
39. Carried
41. Middle Eastern sailing vessels
44. Right of precedence
48. Meek
49. Corncrake
50. Internal environmental control
51. Place of learning
53. Duct for smoke
54. Supports
55. Hop dryer (Brit)
58. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet

See answers page A5

On the edge

Nicotine:

Nicotine normally makes up about 5 percent of a tobacco plant, by weight. Cigarettes contain 8 to 20 milligrams (mg) of nicotine (depending on the brand), but only approximately 1 mg is actually absorbed by your body when you smoke a cigarette.

Nicotine moves right into the small blood vessels that line the tissues listed above. From there, nicotine travels through your bloodstream to the brain, and then is delivered to the rest of your body.

Although nicotine takes a lot of different actions throughout your body, what it does in the brain is responsible for both the good feelings you get from smoking, as well as the irritability you feel if you try to quit.

Nicotine doesn't stick around your body for too long. It has a half-life of about 60 minutes, meaning that six hours after a cigarette, only about 0.031 mg of the 1 mg of nicotine you inhaled remains in your body.

Different people metabolize nicotine at different rates. Some people even have genetic defects in the enzymes in their liver that break down nicotine, which by the mutant enzyme is much less effective at metabolizing nicotine than the normal variant.

Public unhappy about on-air sex and violence

BY WILL LESTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most Americans say they're very concerned about the amount of sex and violence in entertainment and want something done about it, but many worry that government restrictions could go too far, a poll found.

About six in 10 Americans say they are "very concerned" about what children see and hear on television, in movies, in video games and in music lyrics, according to the poll conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Even more, 73 percent, said they are very concerned about what children are exposed to on the Internet.

"The public is backing the kind of restrictions that are now being imposed, but there are limits on how far the public wants the government to go," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

Asked about proposals to crack down on perceived indecency in entertainment, a majority of people support increasing fines on broadcasters, making cable television follow the same rules as broadcast and enforcing those rules more strictly when children are likely to be watching TV.

But the poll found conflicting feelings. By 48 percent to 41 percent, people were more worried about the government imposing undue restrictions than the industry producing material harmful to society.

In addition: Half thought sex and violence in entertainment is more the responsibility of the audience than the producers of entertainment, while a third blamed those who produce it.

Four in five said parents are most at fault when children are exposed to inappropriate sexual or violent content.

Congress is considering steps to toughen

penalties against broadcasters for indecency in programming.

The House of Representatives passed legislation in February that would increase the maximum fine from \$32,500 to \$500,000 for a company found to have shown indecent programming and from \$11,000 to \$500,000 for an individual entertainer.

The Senate Commerce Committee plans to hold hearings on the matter soon, but no date has been set. Some lawmakers are talking about whether to consider the content of cable television.

"People are uneasy about government getting involved in this," Kohut said. "There's a great deal of support for freedom of expression, especially among young people when it comes to entertainment."

The Pew poll of 1,505 adults was taken March 17-21 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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